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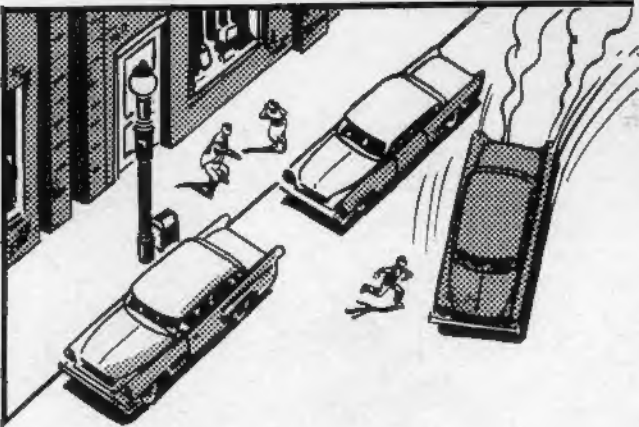
I'VE TRACKED YOU
ACROSS SPACE, YOU
MONSTER! I LOST AN
ARM BATTLING YOU,
BUT NOW I'LL HAVE
MY **REVENGE!**

STOP, **LIGHTNING LAD!**
YOU CAN'T KILL IT! YOU KNOW
WE **LEGIONNAIRES**
NEVER TAKE LIFE!



WHAT'S WRONG *with* THESE PICTURES?

(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL, UPSIDE DOWN)



- ANSWERS :**
1. SOMETHING IS *VERY* WRONG WHEN NOBODY GETS UP TO GIVE A SEAT TO AN OLD MAN, OR A WOMAN LOADED DOWN WITH PACKAGES;
 2. TRAMPLING OVER FLOWERBEDS AND BUSHES SHOWS DISRESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY;
 3. DARTING ACROSS A STREET FROM BETWEEN TWO CARS IS A HAZARD FOR BOTH PEDESTRIAN AND MOTORIST;
 4. BEING A LITTERBUG DOESN'T HELP KEEP YOUR CITY CLEAN;
 5. IT'S NOT ONLY RUDE TO CROWD AND PUSH--BUT DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS.

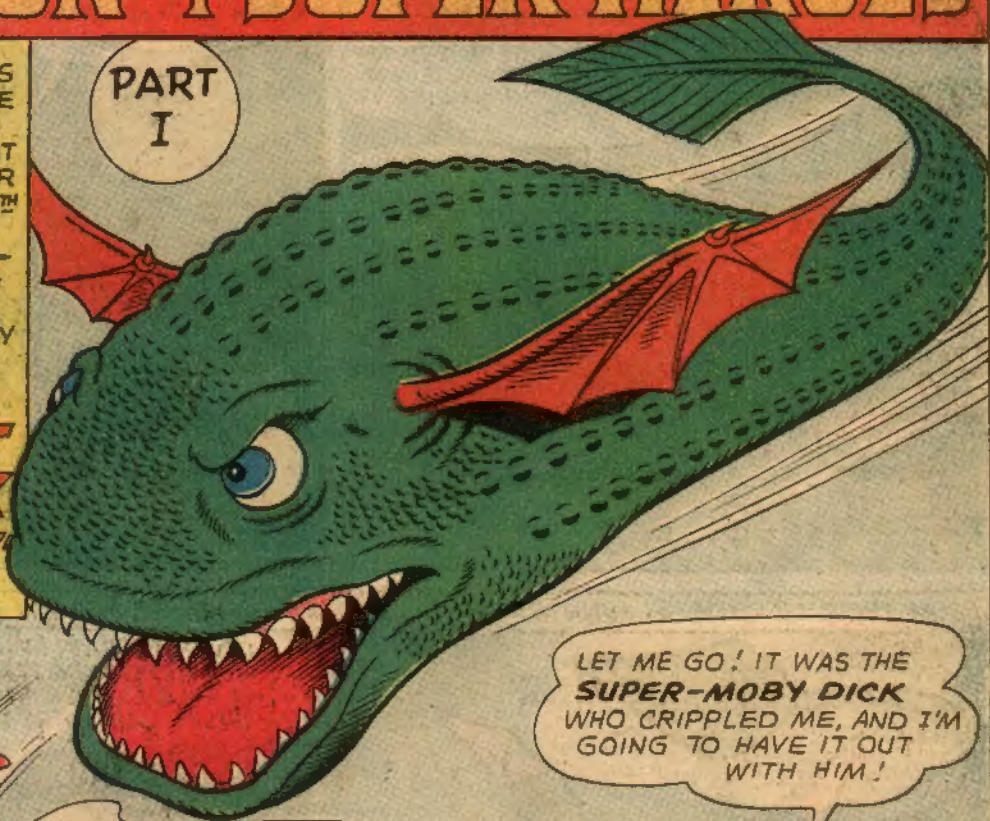
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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

OUT OF THE MYSTERIOUS DEPTHS OF THE UNIVERSE COMES A CREATURE SO AWESOMELY MIGHTY THAT IT BECOMES THE TERROR OF ALL SPACE IN THE 30TH CENTURY! AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES FACES ONE OF THE MOST PERILOUS MISSIONS IN ITS HISTORY WHEN IT GOES FORTH TO HUNT DOWN ...

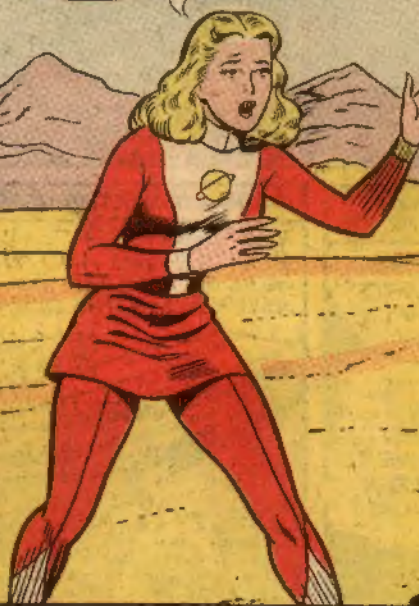
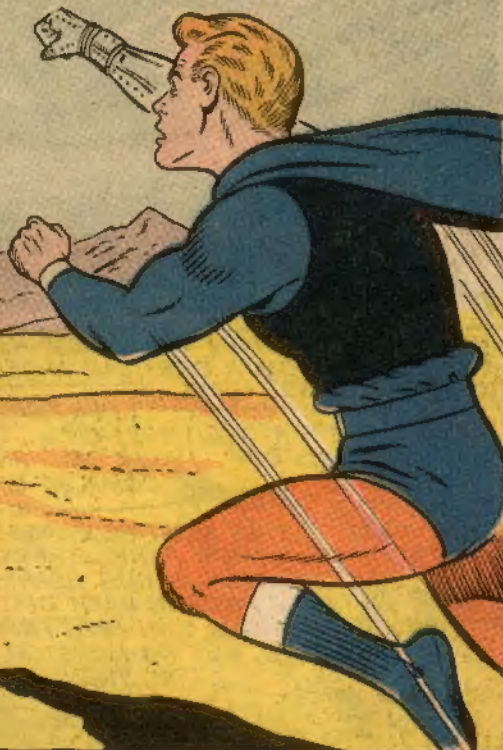
"The SUPER-MOBY DICK of SPACE!"

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NO, LIGHTNING LAD... CRIPPLED AS YOU ARE NOW, YOU CAN'T FACE THAT MONSTER! EVEN SUPERBOY CAN'T FIGHT HIM!

LET ME GO! IT WAS THE SUPER-MOBY DICK WHO CRIPPLED ME, AND I'M GOING TO HAVE IT OUT WITH HIM!



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BOY

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ONE DAY, IN INTERPLANETARY SPACE, A SMALL FREIGHTSHIP MEETS THE UNBELIEVABLE!

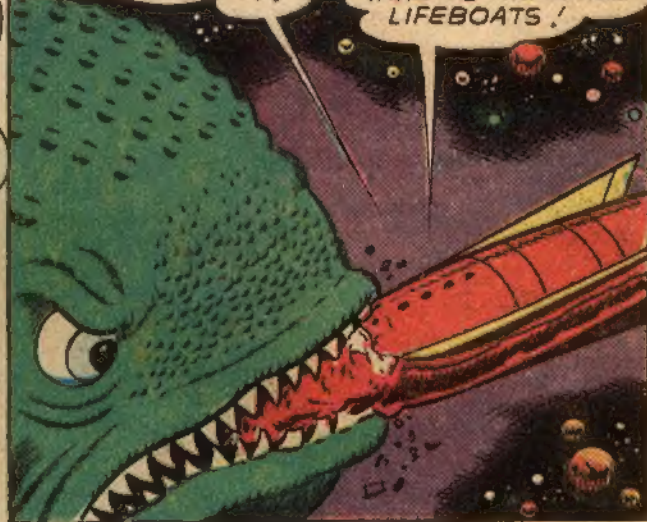


THAT COLOSSAL SPACE-BEAST... NO ONE EVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE!

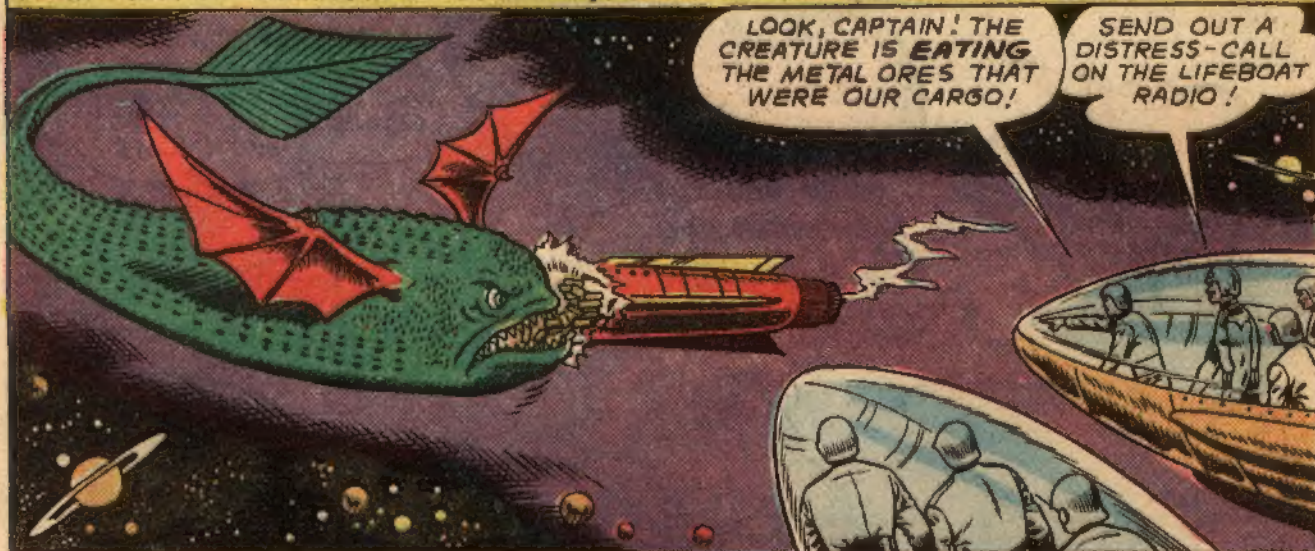
LOOK OUT... IT'S COMING RIGHT TOWARD US!

HE'S GRABBED THE PROW AND IS CRUSHING IT!

THE WHOLE SHIP WILL BE DESTROYED... TAKE TO THE SPACE LIFEBOATS!



FROM THEIR LIFEBOATS, MINUTES LATER, AGHAST CREWMEN SEE AN APPALLING SIGHT!



LOOK, CAPTAIN! THE CREATURE IS **EATING** THE METAL ORES THAT WERE OUR CARGO!

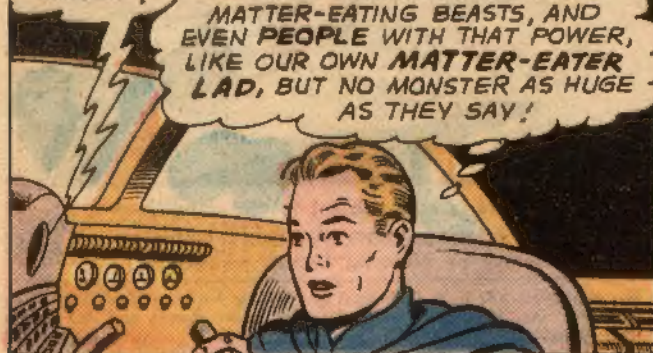
SEND OUT A DISTRESS-CALL ON THE LIFEBOAT RADIO!

ONE OF THE **LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES**, RETURNING FROM A ONE-MAN MISSION, PICKS UP THE DISTRESS-CALL...

...AND THE CREATURE HAS WRECKED OUR SHIP AND IS DEVOURING THE ORE CARGO!

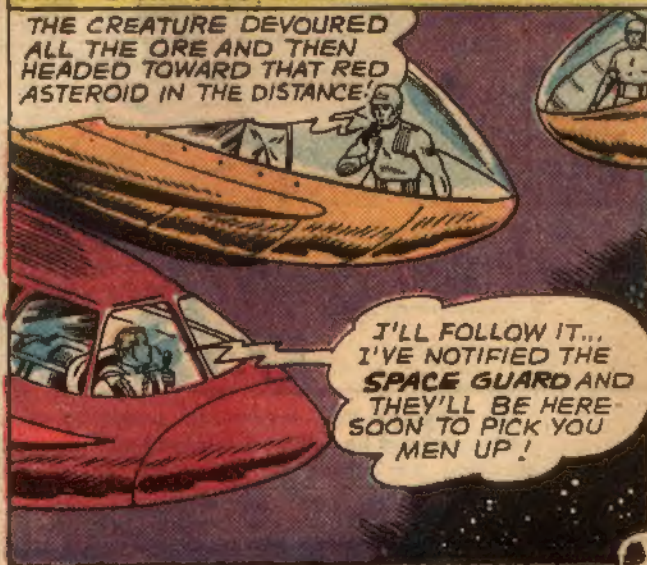
LIGHTNING LAD SPEAKING... I HEARD YOUR CALL AND WILL COME AT ONCE!

THEY MUST BE EXAGGERATING IN THEIR PANIC... THERE ARE MATTER-EATING BEASTS, AND EVEN PEOPLE WITH THAT POWER, LIKE OUR OWN **MATTER-EATER LAD**, BUT NO MONSTER AS HUGE AS THEY SAY!



WHEN **LIGHTNING LAD** REACHES THE SCENE...

THE CREATURE DEVoured ALL THE ORE AND THEN HEADED TOWARD THAT RED ASTEROID IN THE DISTANCE!



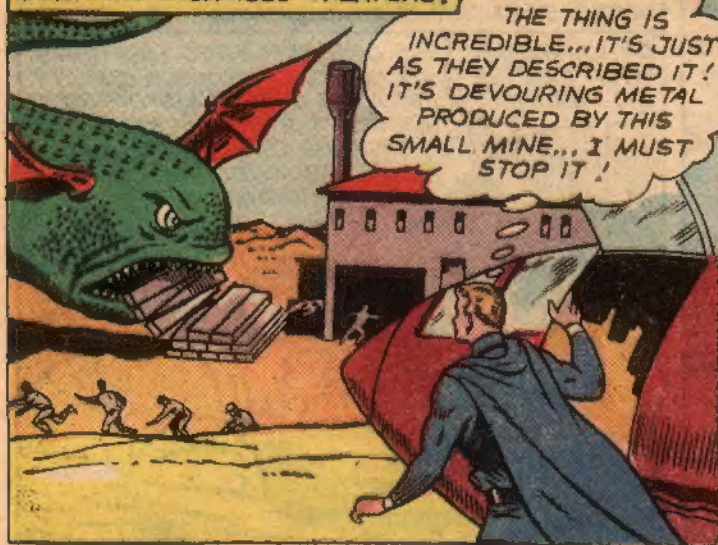
I'LL FOLLOW IT... I'VE NOTIFIED THE **SPACE GUARD** AND THEY'LL BE HERE SOON TO PICK YOU MEN UP!



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SKEPTICISM VANISHES WHEN LIGHTNING LAD TRAILS DOWN THE ENORMOUS CREATURE!

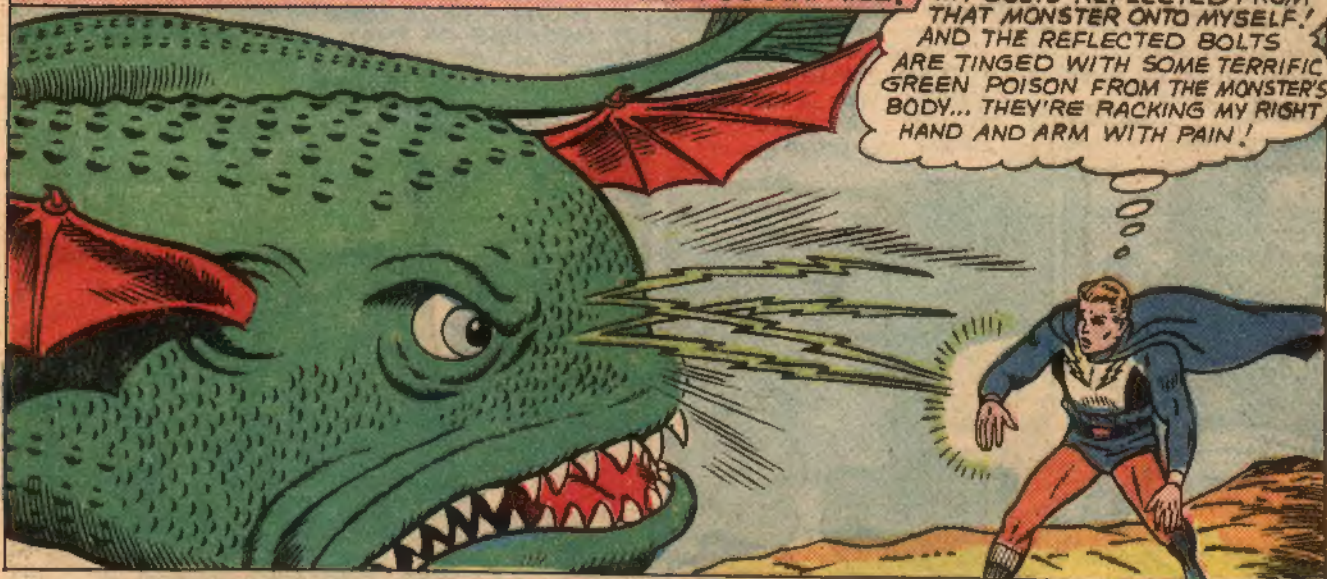


THE THING IS INCREDIBLE... IT'S JUST AS THEY DESCRIBED IT! IT'S DEVOURING METAL PRODUCED BY THIS SMALL MINE... I MUST STOP IT!



IT'S AGAINST OUR LEGION CODE TO TAKE LIFE NEEDLESSLY, BUT I'LL USE MY SUPER-LIGHTNING POWER AT A REDUCED FORCE, AND STUN THE THING!

NEXT MOMENT, THE LEGIONNAIRE GETS A DREADFUL SURPRISE!



MY BOLTS REFLECTED FROM THAT MONSTER ONTO MYSELF! AND THE REFLECTED BOLTS ARE TINGED WITH SOME TERRIFIC GREEN POISON FROM THE MONSTER'S BODY... THEY'RE RACKING MY RIGHT HAND AND ARM WITH PAIN!

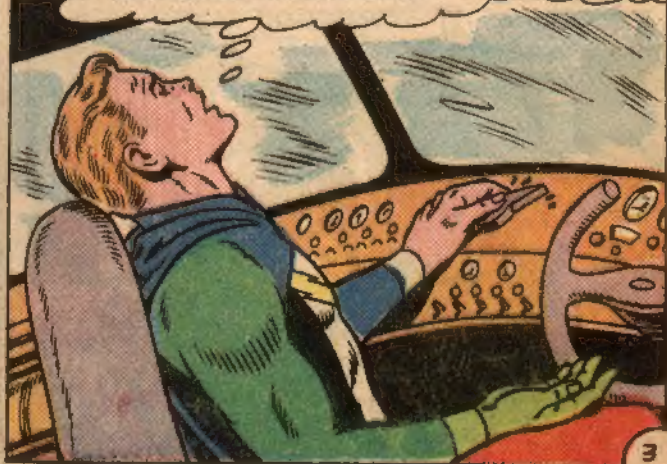
THEN, AS THE SPACE-BEAST SPEEDS AWAY...



MY HAND AND ARM HURT AGONIZINGLY... BUT I HAVE TO FOLLOW THAT MONSTER...

BUT SOON, IN SPACE, PURSUIT BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE!

THE PAIN... IT'S MAKING ME LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS... I'LL SET THE AUTOMATIC PILOT TO TAKE THE SHIP BACK TO THE LEGION CLUBHOUSE! THINGS ARE... GETTING DARK...





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LATER, AT THE LEGION CLUBHOUSE, ON EARTH...

THE TAPE-RECORD IN LIGHTNING LAD'S SHIP SHOWS HE BATTLED A HUGE SPACE-MONSTER ... HIS WHOLE HAND AND ARM WERE SOMEHOW POISONED!

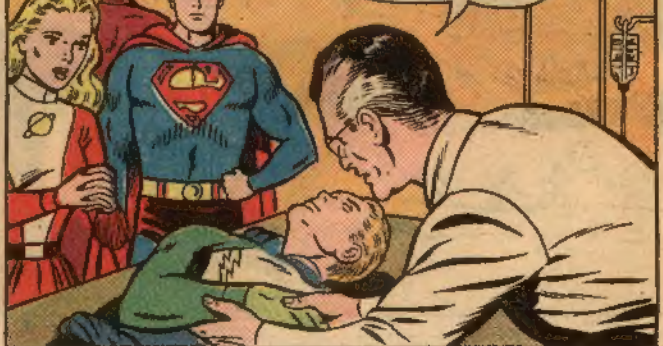
WE HAVE TO WORK FAST TO SAVE HIS LIFE, SATURN GIRL! GET DR. LANPHIER, THE SURGEON WHO'S ALSO THE GREATEST AUTHORITY ON SPACE-DWELLING CREATURES!



IN THE CLUBHOUSE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, THE NOTED SCIENTIST GIVES HIS DIAGNOSIS!

DR. LANPHIER, WHAT CAN WE DO FOR HIM?

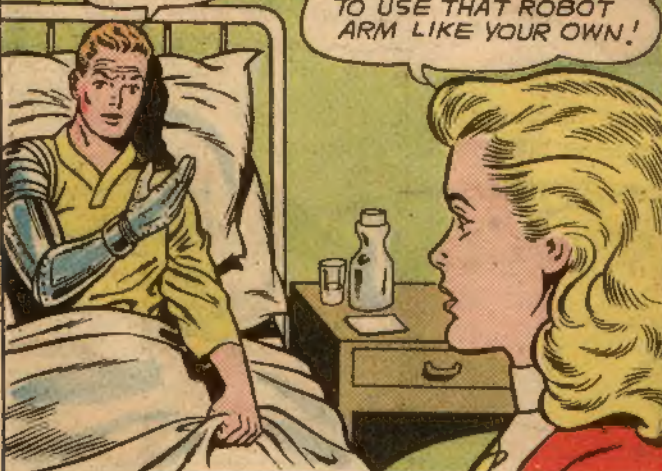
HIS OWN REFLECTED LIGHTNING ACQUIRED A POISONOUS QUALITY FROM THE CHEMICALLY-DIFFERENT BODY OF THE SPACE-CREATURE! TO SAVE HIS LIFE, LIGHTNING LAD'S POISONED ARM MUST COME OFF!



AND WHEN, LATER, LIGHTNING LAD AWAKENS...

MY RIGHT ARM IS GONE ... INSTEAD, I'VE A METAL ARM!

IT HAD TO BE DONE TO SAVE YOU FROM DEATH... YOU'LL LEARN TO USE THAT ROBOT ARM LIKE YOUR OWN!



MY RIGHT ARM... I LOST IT BECAUSE OF THAT SPACE MONSTER! I'LL HAVE REVENGE FOR THIS... I'LL KILL THAT CREATURE!

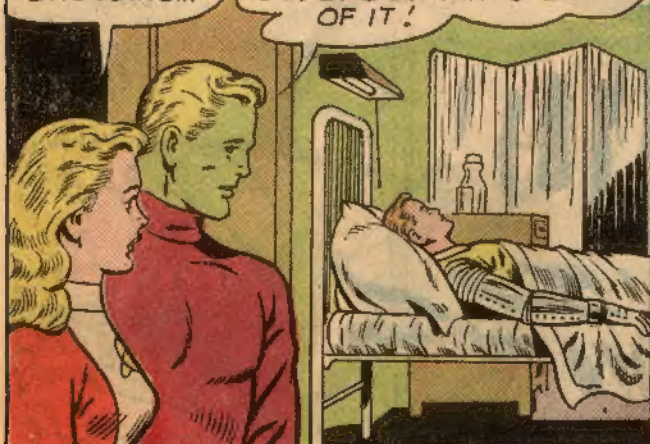
LIGHTNING LAD, YOU KNOW THAT WE OF THE LEGION NEVER TAKE LIFE UNNECESSARILY!

SUPERBOY HAS GONE TO REMOVE THE CREATURE FAR FROM ALL INHABITED WORLDS... BUT WE MUSTN'T KILL IT!



LIGHTNING LAD SEEMS CHANGED BY HIS TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE, BRAINIAC 5. HE'S GRIM, BROODING...

HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED SOME SUBTLE CONCUSSION OR BRAIN-SHOCK! BUT HE'LL FORGET ABOUT THE MONSTER AFTER SUPERBOY TAKES CARE OF IT!



HOWEVER, EVEN MIGHTY SUPERBOY PROVES HELPLESS AGAINST THE SPACE-BEAST!

THE MONSTER MUST'VE EATEN GREEN KRYPTON-ITE IN ITS ROAMINGS THROUGH SPACE... IT'S GIVING OFF RADIATIONS DEADLY TO ME! I CAN'T GO NEAR IT...



CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.

THERE'S MORE OF THEM... LET'S GO AND SEE!

IT'S A SCALE MODEL OF THE NEW LI'L COFFIN... THE CLASSY CUSTOM CAR I SAW AT THE WORLD'S FAIR. I MADE IT MYSELF FROM THE MONOGRAM KIT... ONLY \$1.49
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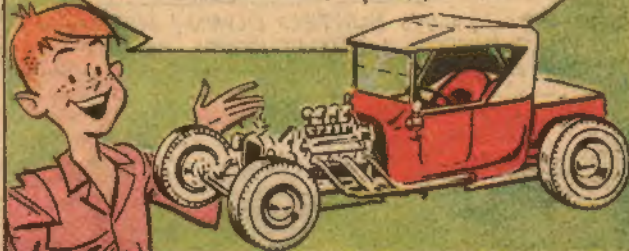
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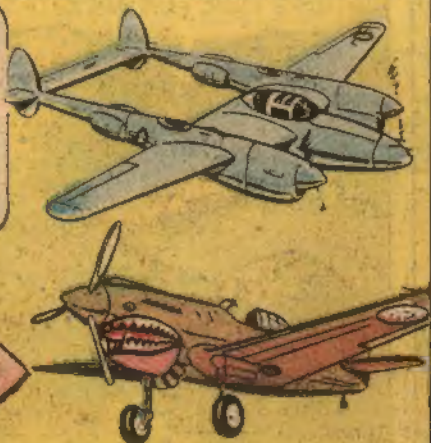
WELL! IF IT ISN'T THE LITTLE 'T'...
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AND THE
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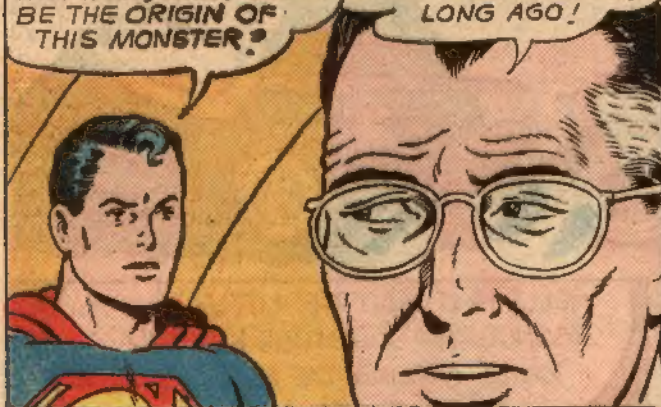
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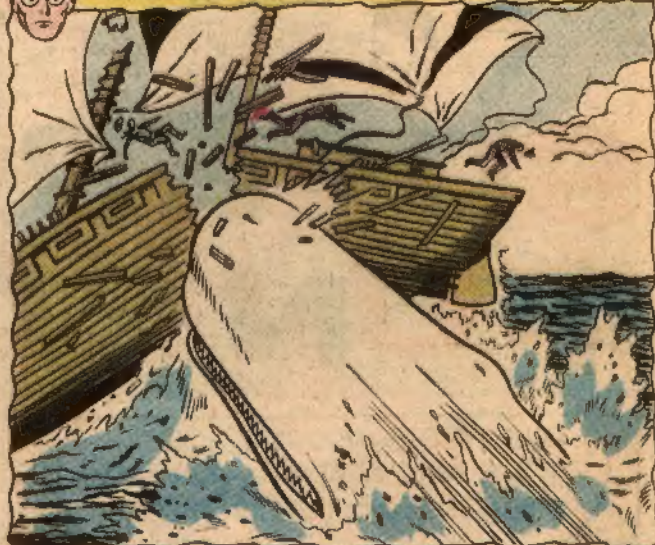
WHEN THE **BOY OF STEEL** RETURNS AT SUPER-SPEED TO THE CLUBHOUSE...

MON-EL COULD HANDLE THE CREATURE, BUT HE'S ON A MISSION TO A DISTANT GALAXY! DR. LANPHIER, WHAT COULD BE THE ORIGIN OF THIS MONSTER?

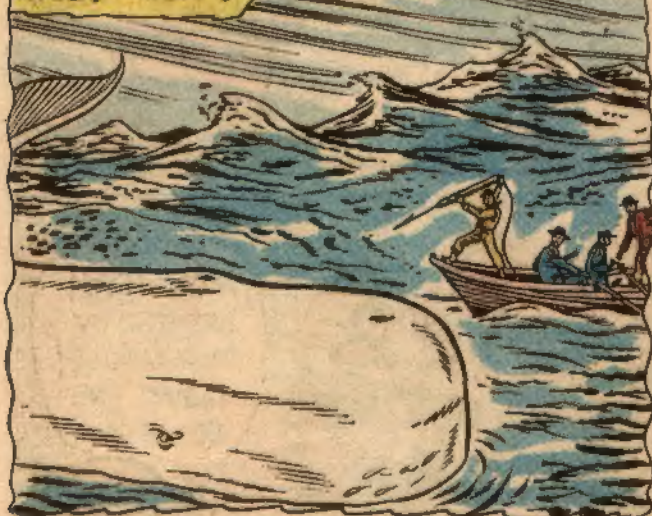
I... ER... CAN'T SAY, YET! BUT I FEAR IT WILL DEVASTATE SPACE-SHIPPING, THE WAY **MOBY DICK** DID WITH OCEAN SHIPS, LONG AGO!



"HE WAS A HUGE, TERRIBLE, WHITE WHALE WHO SANK MANY SHIPS..."

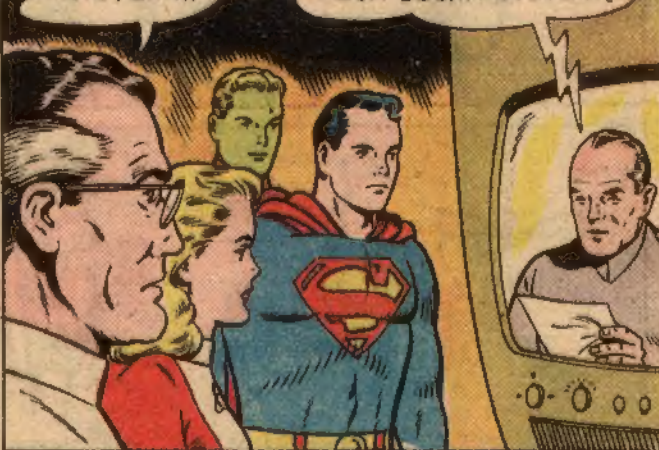


"...UNTIL HE WAS HUNTED DOWN! HERMAN MELVILLE WROTE A GREAT NOVEL ABOUT **MOBY DICK**!"



ALREADY THIS BEAST, THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** OF SPACE, HAS ALARMED EVERY WORLD IN THIS SECTOR OF SPACE! LISTEN...

THE GOVERNMENT IS OFFERING \$50,000 TO ANYONE WHO CAN CATCH THIS BEAST THAT IS RAVAGING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM!



CERTAIN HARD-BOILED, TOUGH SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE SEE THEIR OPPORTUNITY IN THIS CRISIS!

LET'S GO AFTER THAT REWARD! WE'VE DONE TOUGHER JOBS THAN CATCHING THIS SO-CALLED **SUPER-MOBY DICK**!

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE'VE TRAPPED MANY WEIRD PLANETARY BEASTS... WE CAN HANDLE THIS ONE!



SOON, BAIT FOR THE MONSTER IS PREPARED!

IT'LL SENSE THESE METAL BARS AND COME TO DEVOUR THEM! WE'LL HIDE OUR SHIPS BEHIND LARGE METEORS, AND WHEN IT'S AT THE BAIT, WE'LL USE OUR BIG NET!





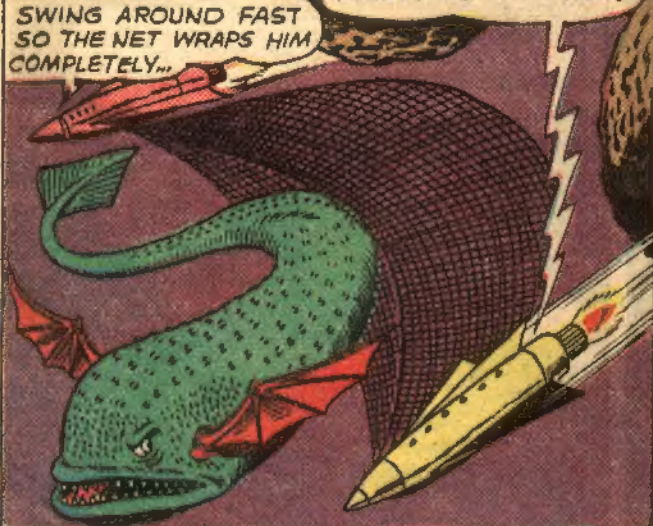
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SOON, THE TRAP IS SPRUNG UPON THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**...

SWING AROUND FAST SO THE NET WRAPS HIM COMPLETELY...

RIGHT! WE HAVE HIM!



BUT NEXT MOMENT, THE LEVIATHAN OF SPACE DISPLAYS HIS AWFUL STRENGTH...

HE BROKE FREE IN AN INSTANT... AND NEARLY WRECKED BOTH OUR SHIPS!

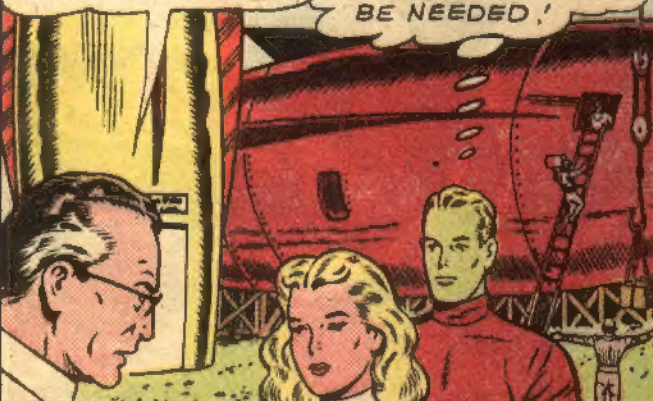
WE'RE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



MEANWHILE, THE **SUPER-HEROES** RUSH FEVERISH PREPARATIONS!

I MUST GO WITH YOU ON YOUR EXPEDITION AGAINST THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**... IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY!

IT'S STRANGE, DR. LANPHIER SAYING THAT! I SUPPOSE HE MEANS THAT, AS AN EXPERT ON SPACE-DWELLING CREATURES, HIS KNOWLEDGE WILL BE NEEDED!



SUDDENLY...

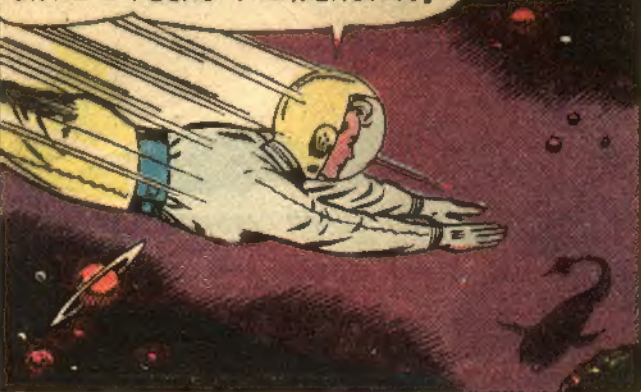
I COULDN'T FIND **ULTRA-BOY**, BUT HE LEFT THIS NOTE! HE SAYS THAT HE'S GONE OUT AGAINST THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** ALONE!

HE SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT! HE CAN'T FACE THAT MONSTER, EVEN WITH HIS **ULTRA-ENERGY**!



AT THIS MOMENT **ULTRA-BOY**, WHO CAN SWITCH HIS **ULTRA-ENERGY** INTO ANY SINGLE **SUPER-POWER**, IS USING IT FOR **SUPER-SPEED**...

SUPERBOY CAN'T APPROACH THE BEAST AND **MON-EL** IS AWAY... SO IT'S UP TO ME! BY ALTERNATELY USING MY ENERGY FOR **SUPER-VISION** AND **SUPER-SPEED**, I SEARCHED UNTIL I FOUND THE MONSTER!

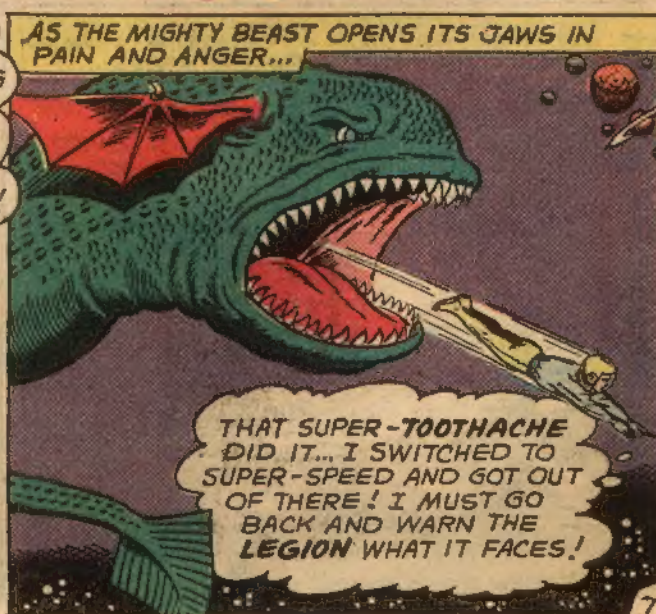
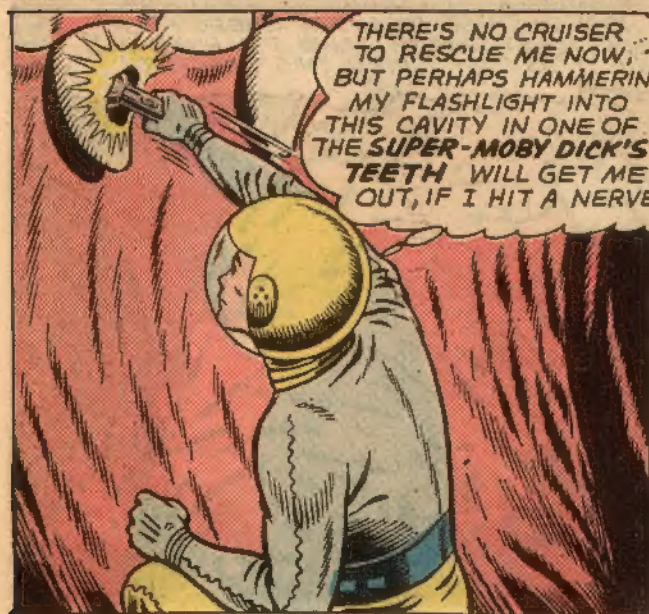
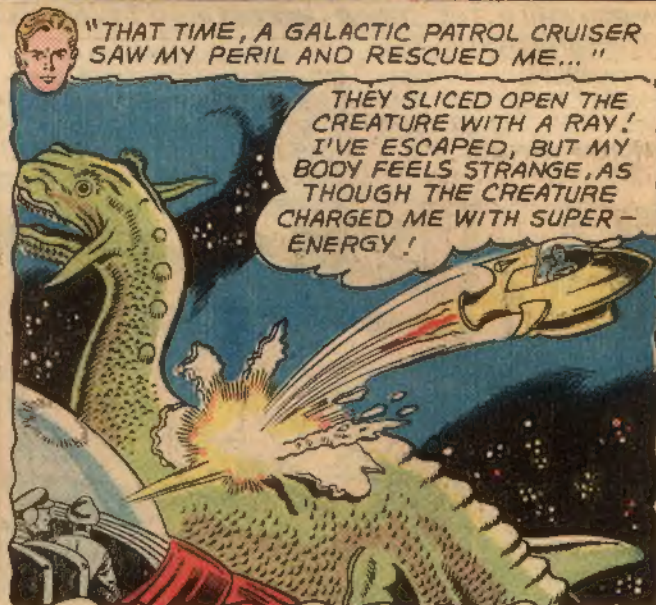
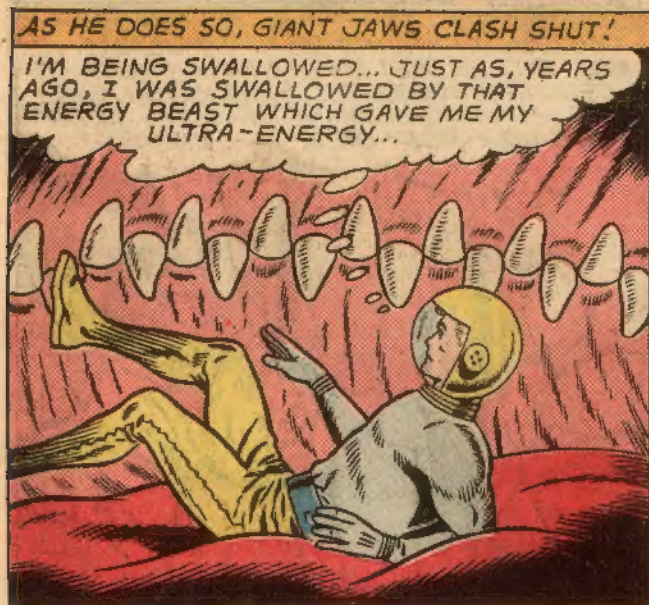
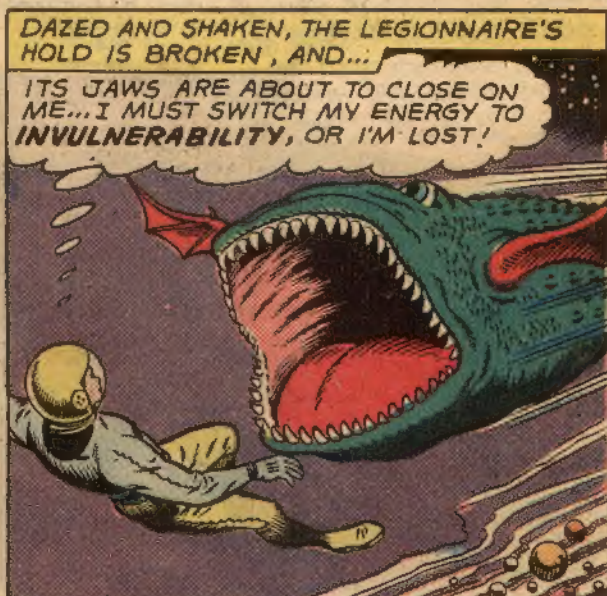


NOW I'LL USE MY **ULTRA-ENERGY** FOR **SUPER-STRENGTH**... AND I'LL NEED ALL OF IT TO OVERPOWER THIS CREATURE!





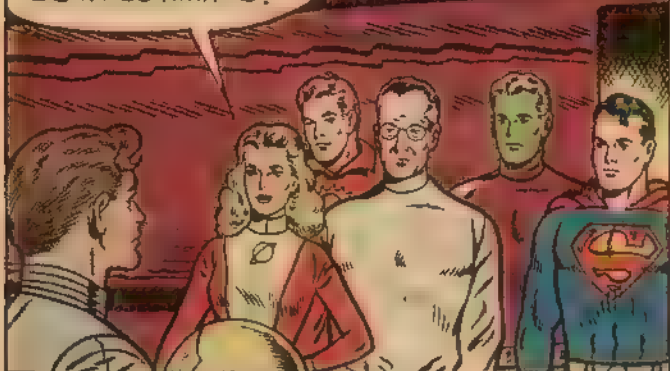
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WHEN **ULTRA BOY** FLASHES BACK TO EARTH WITH HIS REPORT...

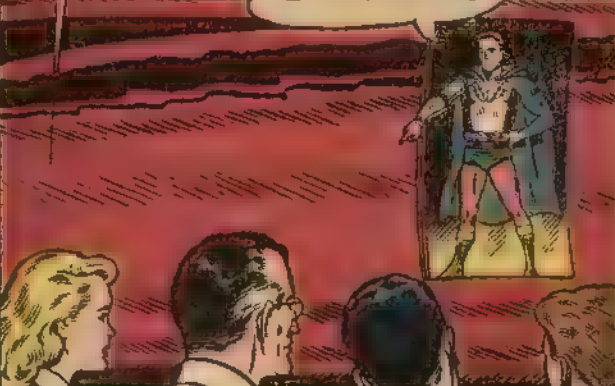
WE'VE FITTED THIS SHIP WITH EVERY DEVICE THAT MIGHT HELP TRAP THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**! DR. LANPHIER'S GOING WITH US, AND **BRAINIAC 5** WILL BE IN COMMAND!

NO... I'LL COMMAND THIS MISSION!



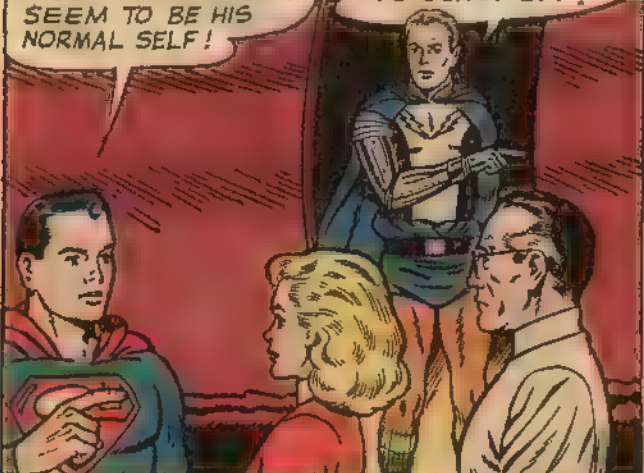
BUT, **LIGHTNING LAD**, YOU'RE NOT WELL ENOUGH...

I'M FULLY RECOVERED AND I CLAIM THIS COMMAND! THE **LEGION CONSTITUTION**, CLAUSE 14, SUB-CLAUSE 8, SAYS THAT, IN AN EMERGENCY, WHICHEVER **LEGIONNAIRE** BEST UNDERSTANDS THE DANGER, SHALL COMMAND! I KNOW THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** BEST!



ACCORDING TO THE **CONSTITUTION**, HE HAS THE RIGHT TO COMMAND... EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HIS NORMAL SELF!

GET ABOARD, ALL OF YOU... EVERY **LEGIONNAIRE** TO HIS STATION! WE'RE GOING TO BLAST OFF!



AND AS THE GRIM, DARK SHIP STREAKS ON ITS FATEFUL JOURNEY...

I CAN'T HELP FEELING THAT THIS IS A VOYAGE OF DOOM, **SUPERBOY**!

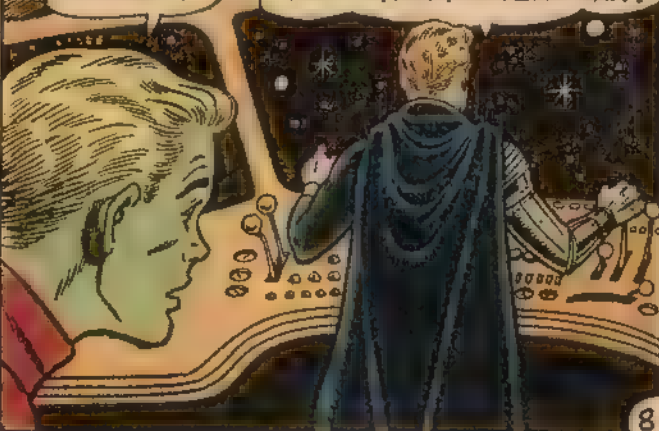
DON'T THINK THAT, **SATURN GIRL**! EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT FINE... YOU'LL SEE!



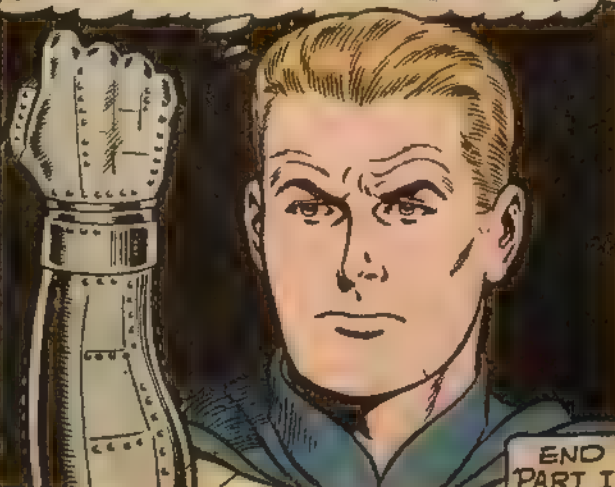
IN THE CABIN, IT IS AN UNFAMILIAR **LIGHTNING LAD** WHO HANDLES THE CONTROLS!

BUT I CAME UP HERE TO COMPUTE OUR COURSE IN SPACE!

I'LL SET THE COURSE... YOU GO BELOW! I'LL FIND THE MONSTER WHO TOOK MY RIGHT ARM, NEVER FEAR!



AND I VOW BY THIS METAL ARM THAT I'LL KILL THAT MONSTER, NOT JUST TRAP IT! THIS DUEL BETWEEN ME AND THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** WILL BE TO THE DEATH!



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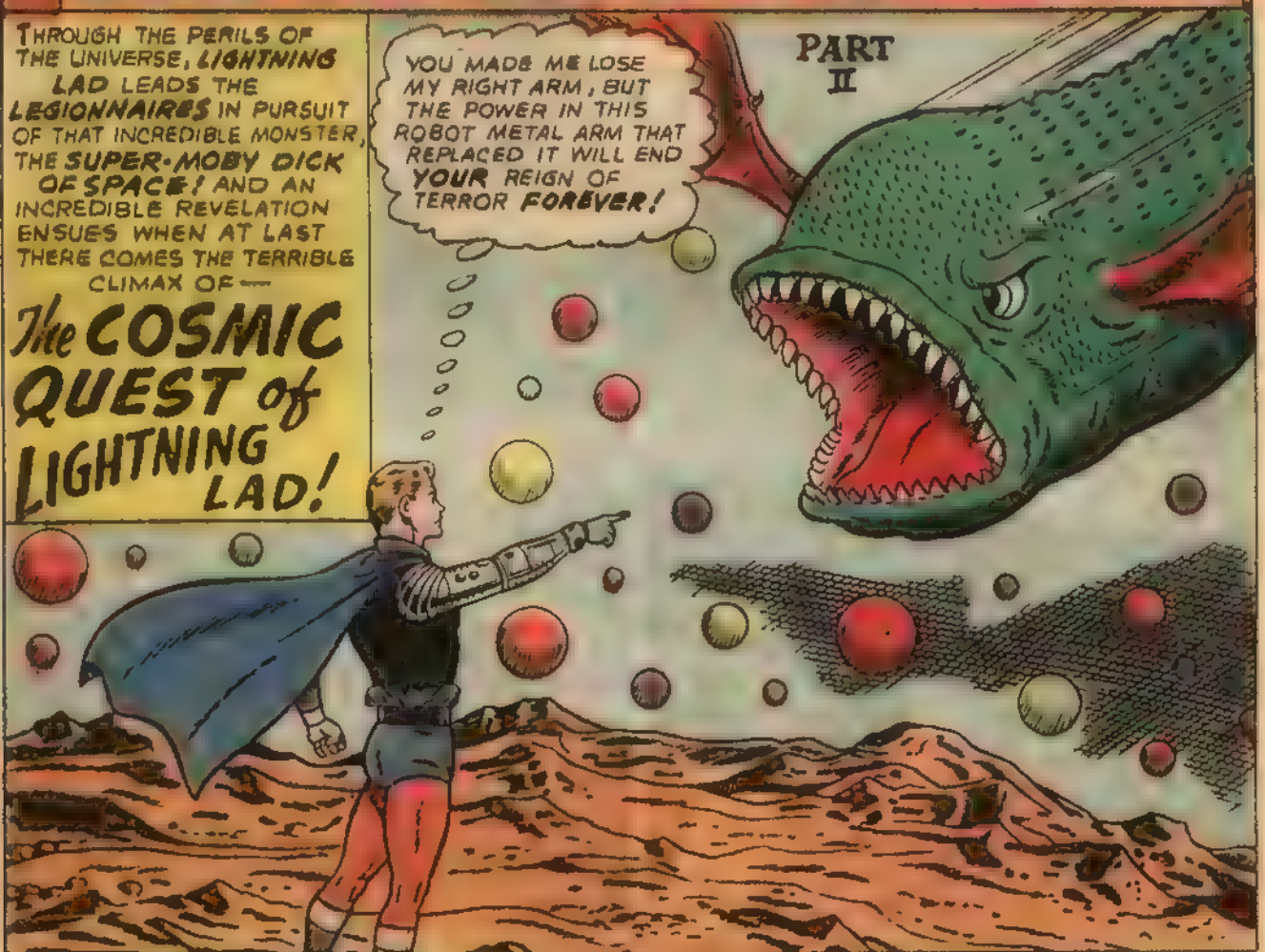
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

THROUGH THE PERILS OF THE UNIVERSE, **LIGHTNING LAD** LEADS THE **LEGIONNAIRES** IN PURSUIT OF THAT INCREDIBLE MONSTER, THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK OF SPACE!** AND AN INCREDIBLE REVELATION ENSUES WHEN AT LAST THERE COMES THE TERRIBLE CLIMAX OF —

The **COSMIC QUEST of LIGHTNING LAD!**

YOU MADE ME LOSE MY RIGHT ARM, BUT THE POWER IN THIS ROBOT METAL ARM THAT REPLACED IT WILL END YOUR REIGN OF TERROR FOREVER!

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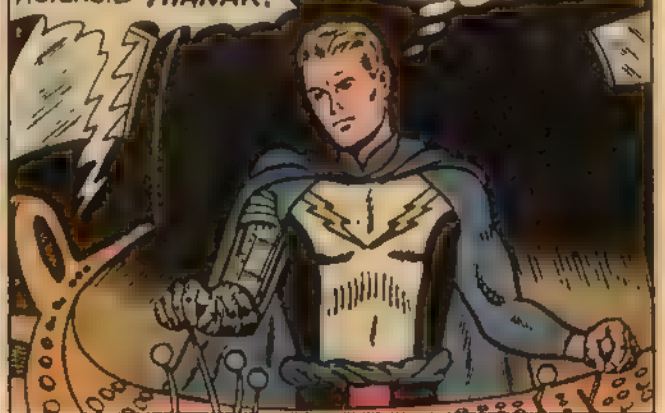
A GRIM, DARK VESSEL HURTTLES THROUGH SPACE...



... AND ITS CAPTAIN IS DRIVEN ON BY HIS THIRST FOR VENGEANCE!

THE SPACE-BEAST, THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**, HAS BEEN SIGHTED NEAR THE ASTEROID **THANAR!**

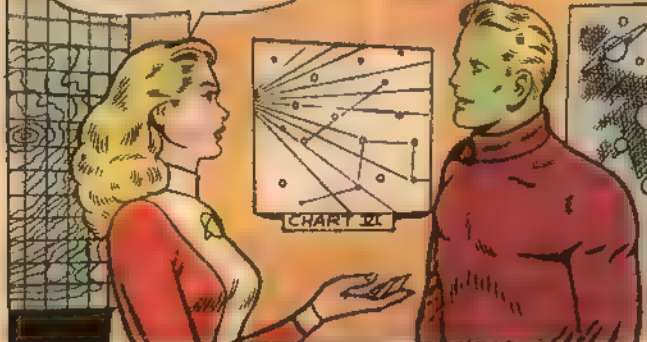
BY COORDINATING THE REPORTS OF THE MONSTER, I'VE PLOTTED ITS DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT... I'LL CATCH UP TO IT SOON!



BUT UNEASINESS GRIPS THE CREW OF **SUPER-HEROES**...

LIGHTNING LAD HAS BECOME SO MENTALLY WARPED BY HIS DESIRE FOR REVENGE THAT HE'LL RISK EVERYTHING TO KILL THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**!

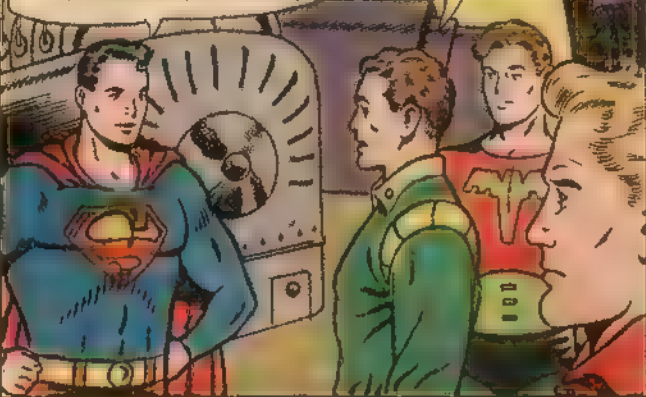
THERE WAS A CONCUSSION-EFFECT WHEN HE WAS CRIPPLED, AND THAT MIGHT HAVE AFFECTED HIS MIND... BUT IT SHOULD BE PASSING AWAY BY NOW!



AND **SUPERBOY** TELLS THE SAME DEEP DOUBT OF HIS COMRADE...

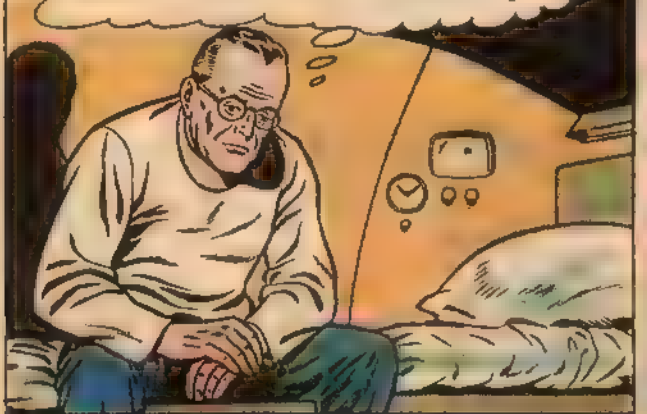
WE CAN'T LET **LIGHTNING LAD** BREAK THE **LEGION CODE** AND KILL THE CREATURE... MAYBE YOU CAN PREVENT IT, **COLOSSAL BOY**!

I'LL TRY, WHEN THE CHANCE COMES TO USE THE PLAN YOU'VE JUST OUTLINED!



THE ONE NON-**LEGIONNAIRE** ON BOARD, DR. LANPHIER, HAS HIS OWN SECRET OBSESSION!

EVERYONE ON BOARD MAY BE KILLED WHEN WE FIND THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**... AND IT WILL BE MY FAULT! I'M GUILTY FOR EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED!



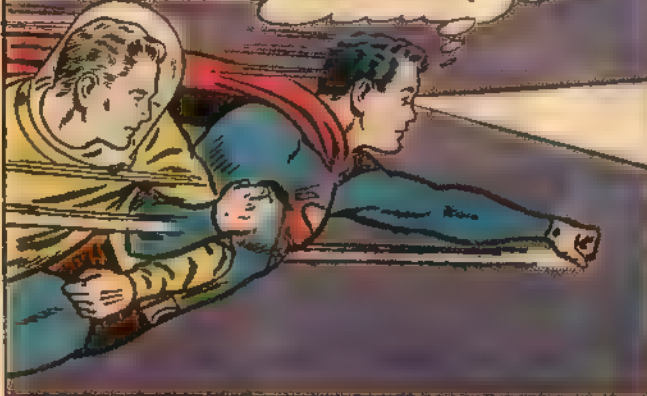
AS THE SHIP RUSHES ON TOWARD ITS RENDEZVOUS WITH DESTINY, TWO **LEGIONNAIRES** SECRETLY DESERT THE CRAFT!

LIGHTNING LAD DOESN'T KNOW WE'VE LEFT THE SHIP BY THE EMERGENCY AIRLOCK... WE MAY BE ABLE TO AVERT A TRAGEDY!



SWINGING WIDE OF THE VESSEL, THE **BOY OF STEEL** CARRIES **COLOSSAL BOY** AT A SUPER-SPEED FAR FASTER THAN ANY SHIP'S!

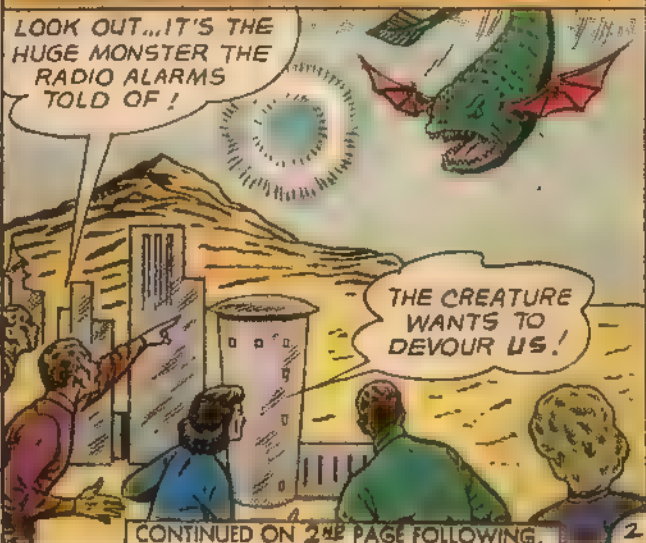
I CAN SEE THE ASTEROID **THANAR** WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION... ITS INHABITANTS, THE MINERAL PEOPLE, ARE IN A PANIC! AND NO WONDER!



TERROR HAS GRIPPED THE UNIQUE MINERAL-FLESHED PEOPLE AS DOOM APPROACHES THEM!

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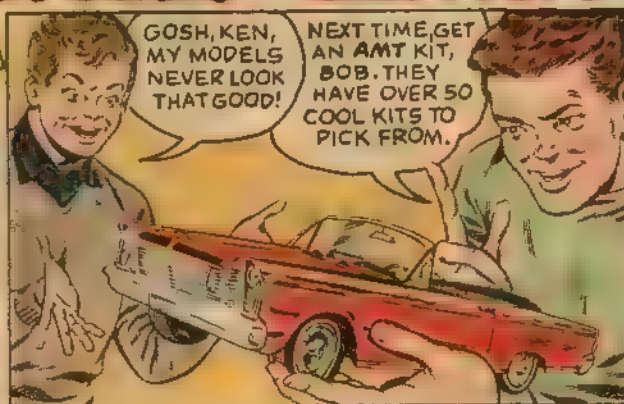
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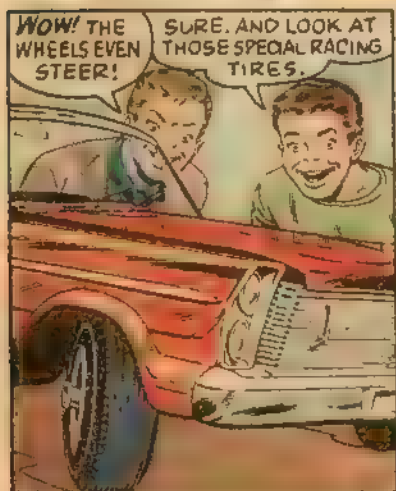
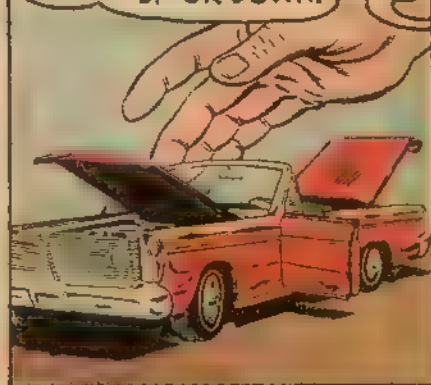
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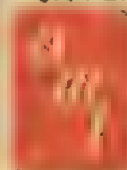


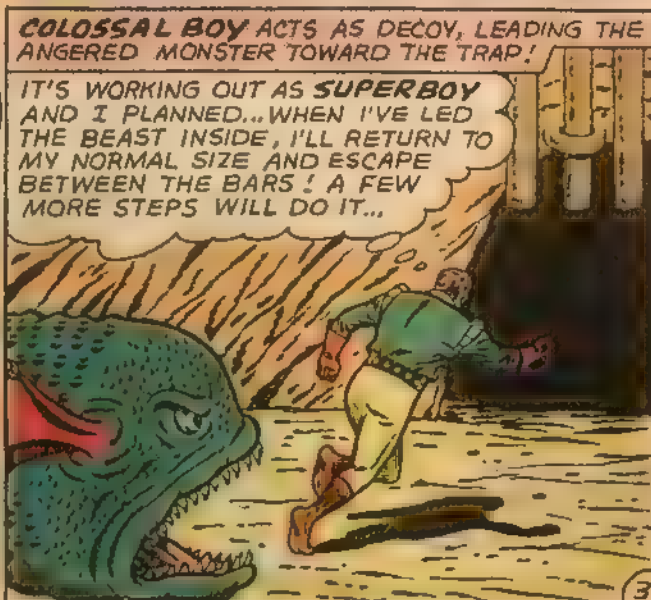
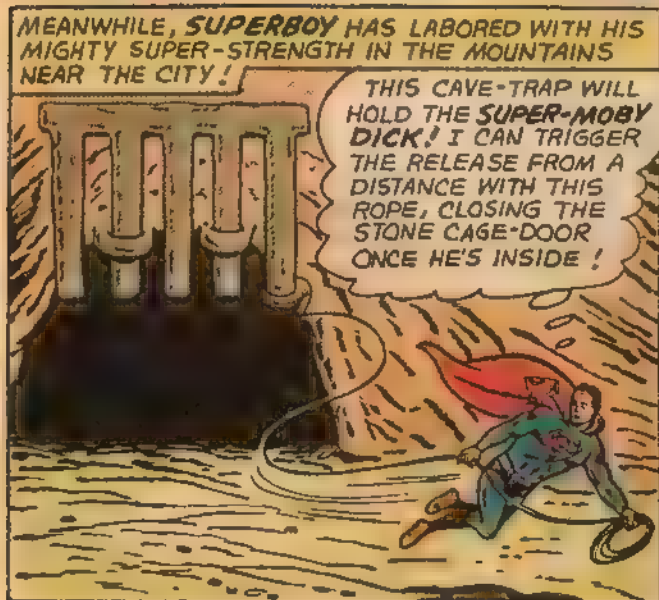
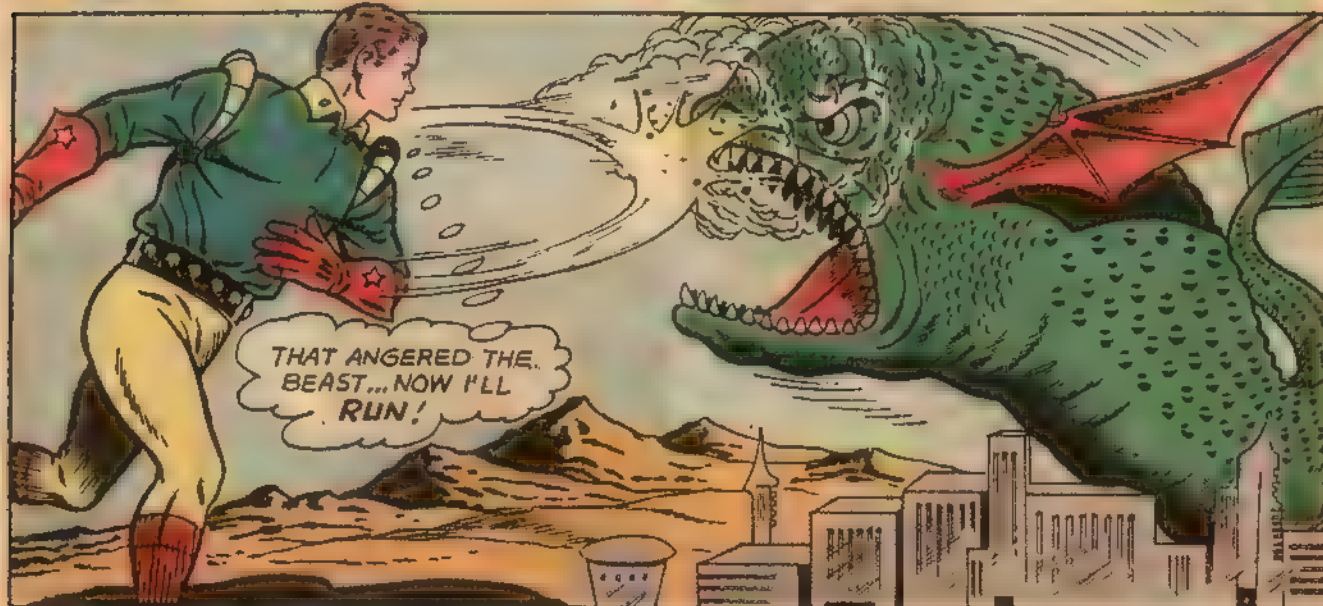
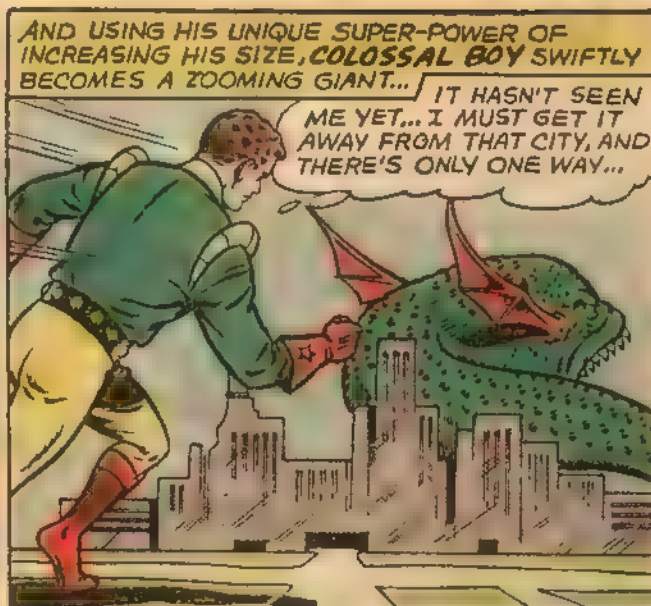
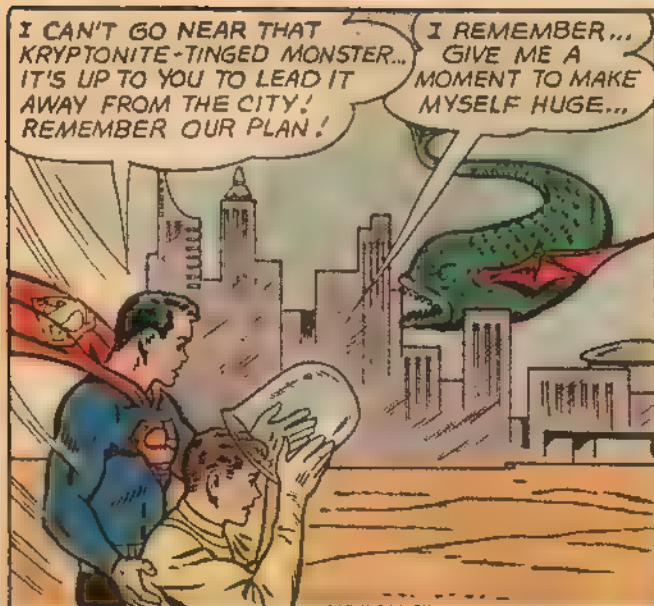
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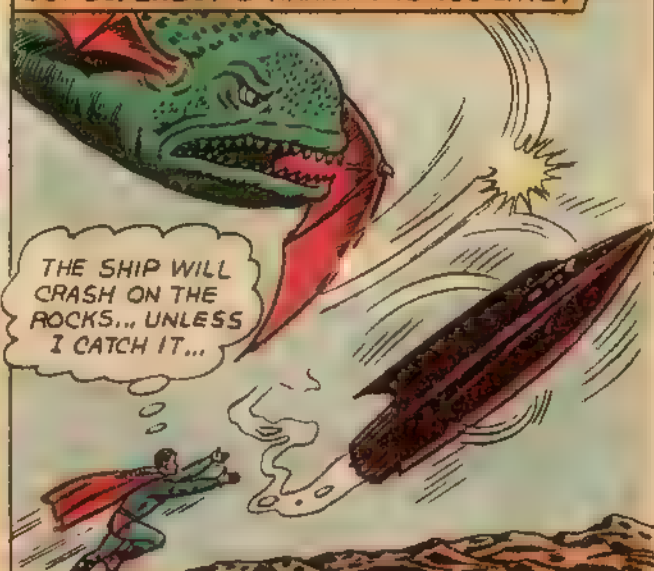
BUT JUST AS SUCCESS SEEMS CERTAIN...

OH, NO! **LIGHTNING LAD'S** ARRIVAL DISTRACTED THE CREATURE AT THE LAST MOMENT! IT'S ATTACKING THE SHIP!

LOOK OUT, LIGHTNING LAD!

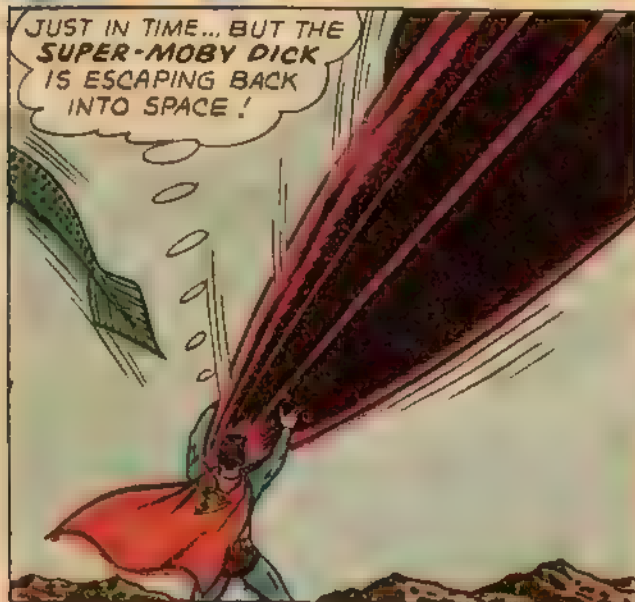


BUT **SUPERBOY'S** WARNING IS TOO LATE!



THE SHIP WILL CRASH ON THE ROCKS... UNLESS I CATCH IT...

JUST IN TIME... BUT THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** IS ESCAPING BACK INTO SPACE!



IT'S A FURIOUS **LIGHTNING LAD** WHO EMERGES FROM THE SHIP...

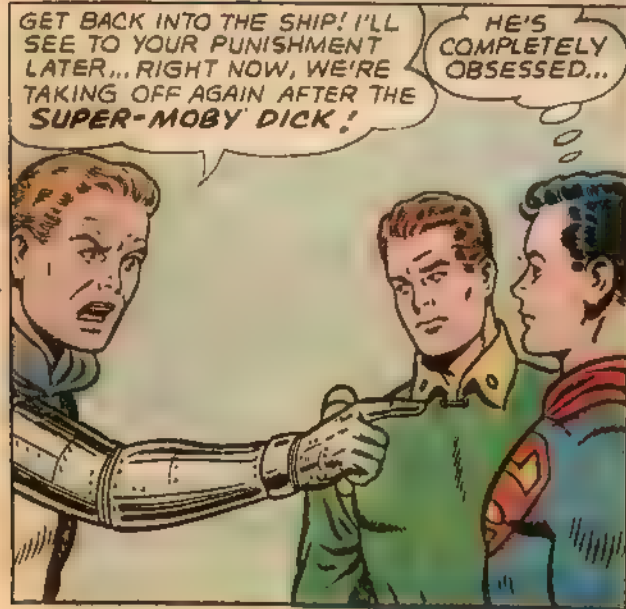
YOU DISOBEYED MY ORDERS... YOU TRIED TO ROB ME OF MY VENGEANCE BY COMING HERE AHEAD OF ME!

BUT, **LIGHTNING LAD**, IF THEY HADN'T DONE SO, THE **MINERAL PEOPLE** WOULD HAVE PERISHED... AND WE WOULD HAVE CRASHED!



GET BACK INTO THE SHIP! I'LL SEE TO YOUR PUNISHMENT LATER... RIGHT NOW, WE'RE TAKING OFF AGAIN AFTER THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**!

HE'S COMPLETELY OBSESSED...



LATER, AS THE SHIP DRIVES ON IN RELENTLESS PURSUIT...

DR. LANPHIER'S BEEN CONFERRING SECRETLY WITH **LIGHTNING LAD** IN THE CABIN... AND NOW HE SEEMS DEJECTED, CRUSHED! WHAT HAVE THEY BEEN PLANNING?

I CAN'T READ THEIR THOUGHTS... BOTH OF THEM KEEP THEIR MINDS CLOSED ALL THE TIME!





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SOON, THE MYSTERY DEEPENS!

I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO, SO YOU'LL TAKE THE CONTROLS... BUT STAY **EXACTLY** ON THE COURSE I'VE PLOTTED!

AVE, AVE!

CRYPTIC PREPARATIONS ARE MADE! IT LOOKS THIS SHOULD GIVE ME THE POWER TO HANDLE THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK!**

LIKE DR. LANPHIER IS HELPING HIM PREPARE A TERRIBLE WEAPON...

SHORTLY...

I'VE FOLLOWED YOUR COURSE...AND THROUGH THE SCOPE I SAW THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** APPROACHING THAT UNINHABITED PLANET WITH MANY LITTLE SATELLITES...THE **WORLD OF A HUNDRED MOONS!**

THEN WE'LL LAND THERE AT ONCE!

SOON, ON ONE OF THE STRANGEST WORLDS IN THE UNIVERSE...

THERE ARE METAL-ORE OUTCROPS HERE! THAT'S WHY THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** CAME HERE TO EAT...HE SHOULD BE JUST OVER THE CREST!

SECONDS LATER, AS THEY SIGHT THE CREATURE..

KEEP WELL AWAY FROM ME! THE NEW POWER-AMPLIFIER I INSTALLED IN MY ROBOT ARM WILL INCREASE MY SUPER-LIGHTNING 100 TIMES! I'LL USE IT ON THE MONSTER!

SUPERBOY, HE'S GOING TO KILL THE CREATURE NEEDLESSLY! THAT WILL BREAK OUR CODE! WE'LL HAVE TO OUST HIM FROM THE **LEGION!** TRY TO STOP HIM!



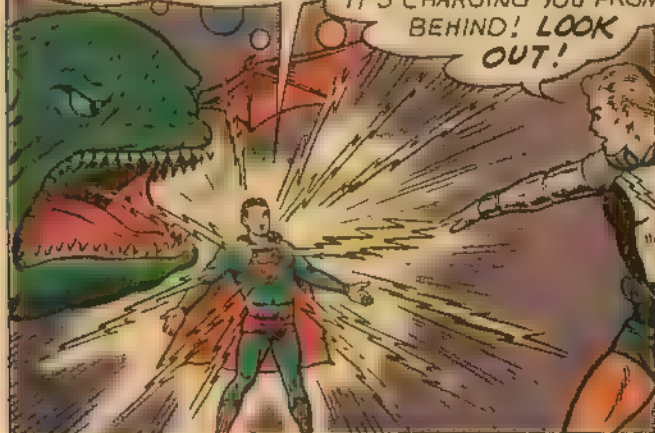
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THE **BOY OF STEEL**, FLYING AT SUPER-SPEED, MAKES HIMSELF A HUMAN SHIELD!

I HAD TO DO IT, **LIGHTNING LAD**... I CAN'T LET YOU KILL THE THING!

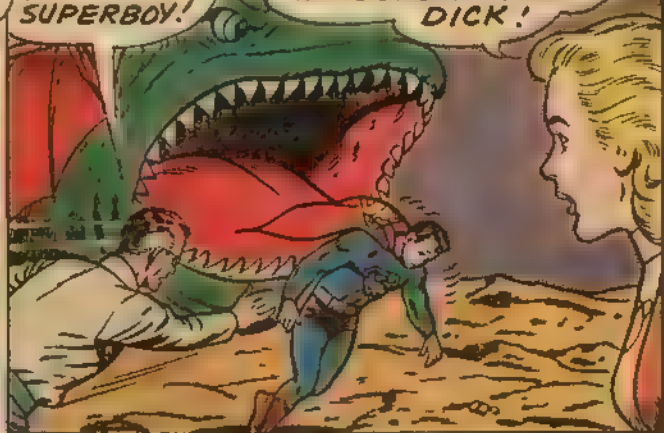
LIGHTNING MAY NOT AFFECT YOU, BUT THAT MONSTER WILL... IT'S CHARGING YOU FROM BEHIND! LOOK OUT!



AND AS THE **GREEN KRYPTONITE** INFLUENCE OF THE MONSTER HITS **SUPERBOY**, DR. LANPHIER RUSHES FORWARD...

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT... I MUST SAVE **SUPERBOY**!

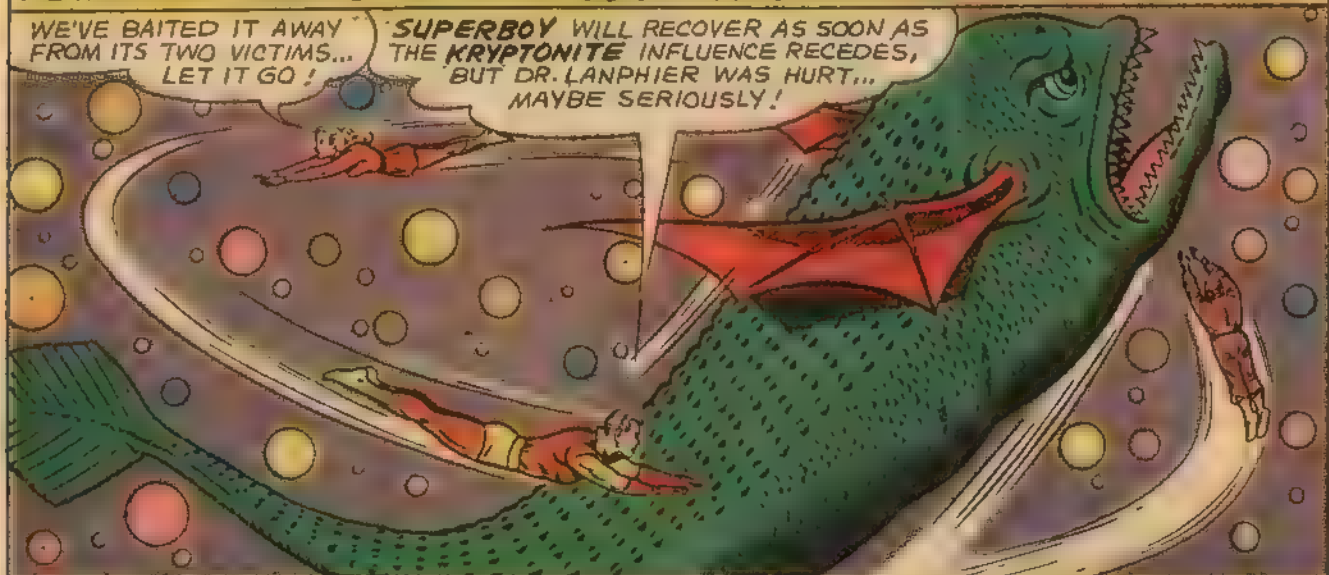
THEY'LL BOTH BE KILLED... **LEGIONNAIRES**, TURN ON YOUR FLYING-RINGS AND DISTRACT THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**!



THE HEADLONG CHARGE OF THE FLYING **LEGIONNAIRES** BEWILDERS THE GIANT CREATURE!

WE'VE BAITED IT AWAY FROM ITS TWO VICTIMS... LET IT GO!

SUPERBOY WILL RECOVER AS SOON AS THE **KRYPTONITE** INFLUENCE RECEDES, BUT DR. LANPHIER WAS HURT... MAYBE SERIOUSLY!



DR. LANPHIER IS UNCONSCIOUS ... STUNNED AND INJURED! WE MUST TAKE HIM BACK TO AN EARTH HOSPITAL IN THE SHIP!

ULTRA BOY CAN CARRY HIM FASTER THAN THE SHIP CAN... WE'RE GOING ON AFTER THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK**! I'D HAVE ALREADY SETTLED THIS THING IF YOU OTHERS HADN'T GOTTEN IN MY WAY!



AFTER **ULTRA BOY** HAS STARTED WITH THE UNCONSCIOUS SCIENTIST BACK TO EARTH, THE GRIM QUEST CONTINUES!

I'VE SPOTTED WHERE THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** WENT... TO THAT DEAD WORLD FAR AHEAD! I'LL FINALLY CATCH HIM!



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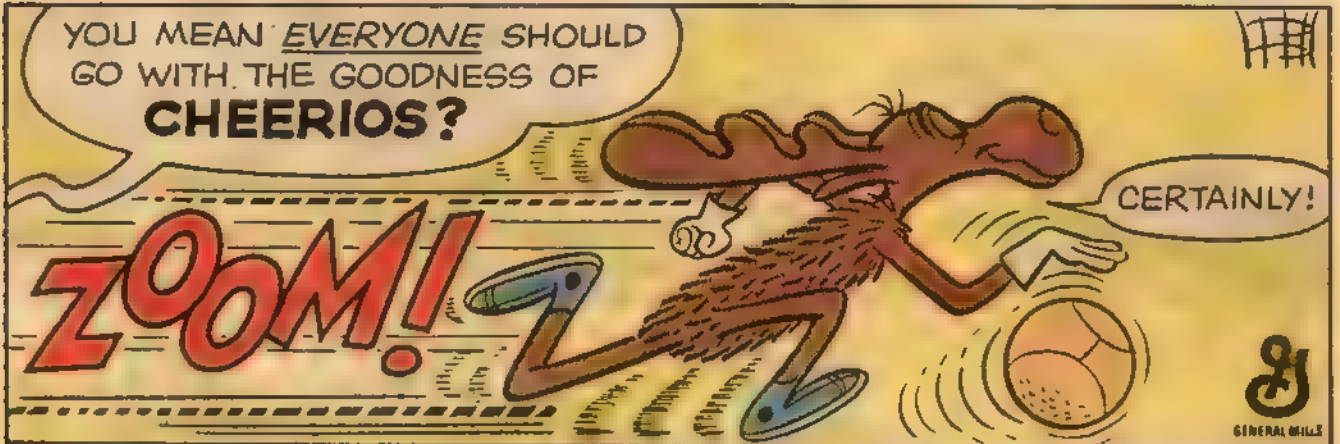
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US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN'
PROTEIN...



...AND GO-GO-GO!



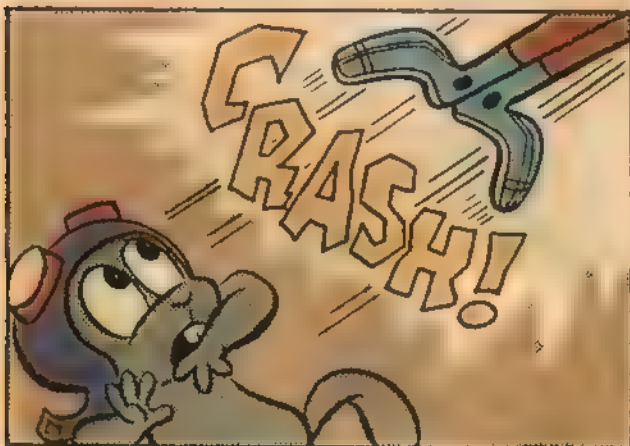
YOU MEAN EVERYONE SHOULD
GO WITH THE GOODNESS OF
CHEERIOS?



CERTAINLY!

ZOOM!

GENERAL MILLS



CRASH!

BUT THEY SHOULD
WATCH WHERE
THEY'RE
GOING!

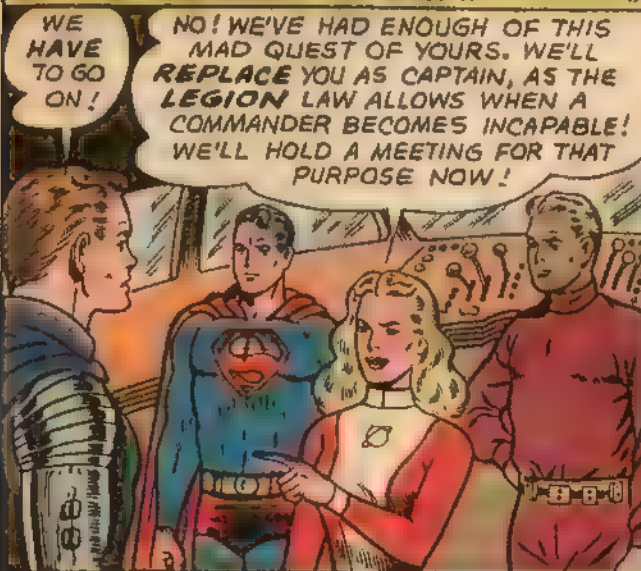




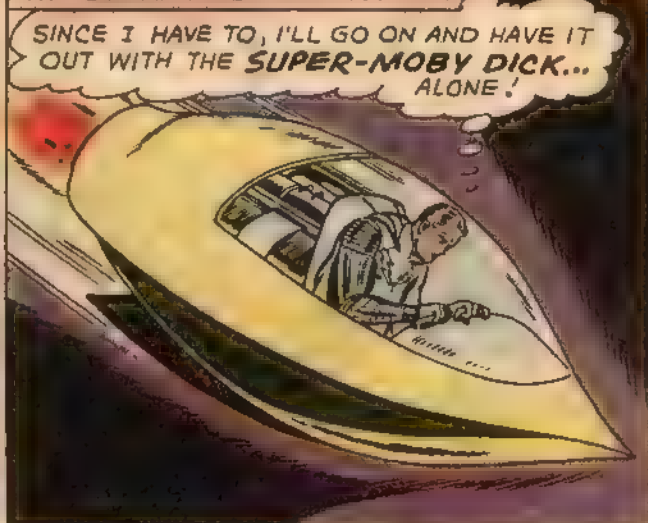
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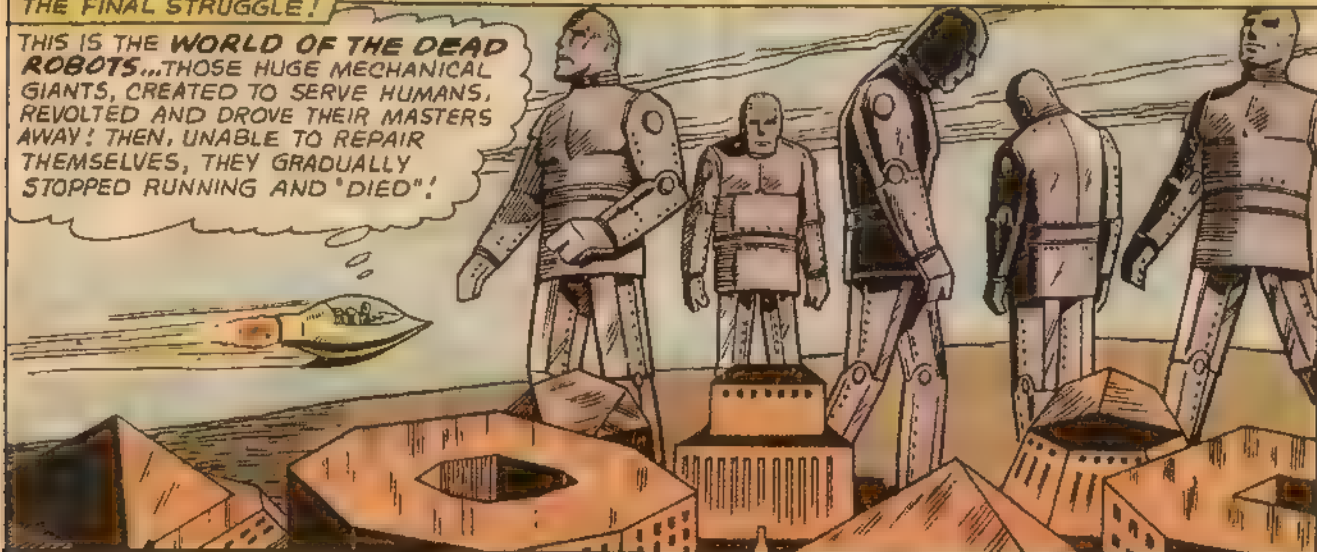


BUT WHILE THE OTHER LEGIONNAIRES MEET, **LIGHTNING LAD** SECRETLY ENTERS ONE OF THE SMALL SPACE-BOATS, AND...



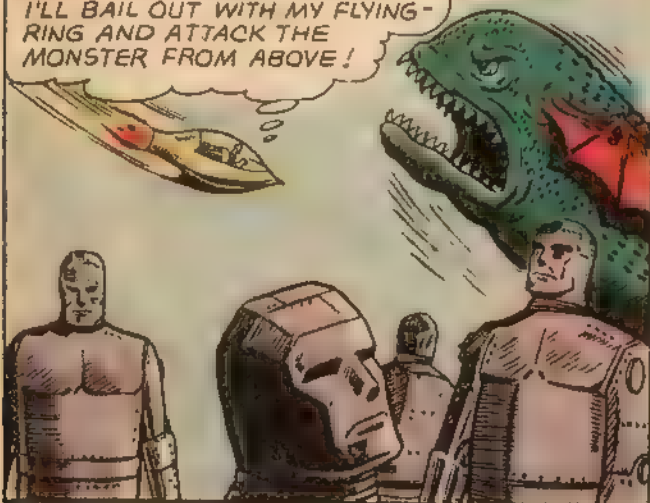
ABOVE AN AWESOME, DEAD WORLD, THE LEGIONNAIRE APPROACHES THE MIGHTY SPACE-BEAST FOR THE FINAL STRUGGLE!

THIS IS THE **WORLD OF THE DEAD ROBOTS**...THOSE HUGE MECHANICAL GIANTS, CREATED TO SERVE HUMANS, REVOLTED AND DROVE THEIR MASTERS AWAY! THEN, UNABLE TO REPAIR THEMSELVES, THEY GRADUALLY STOPPED RUNNING AND "DIED"!

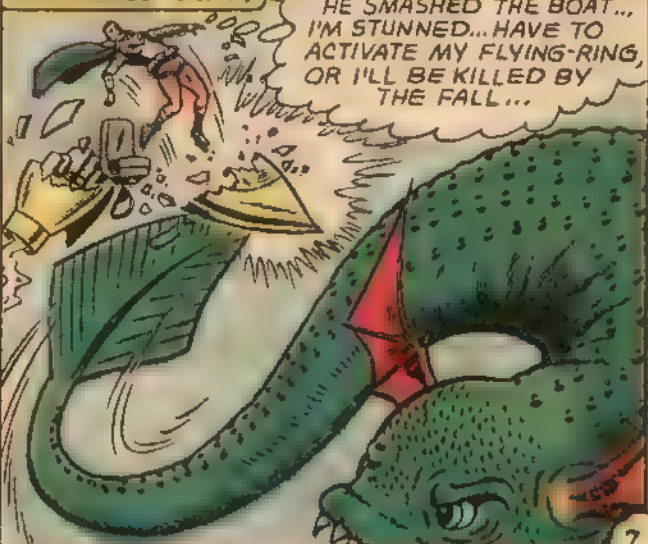


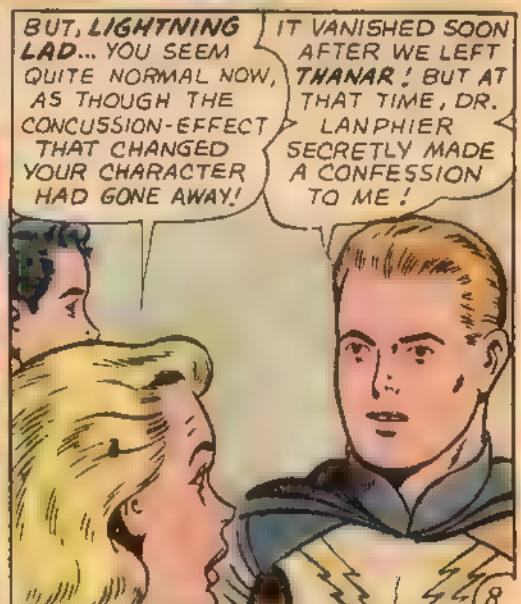
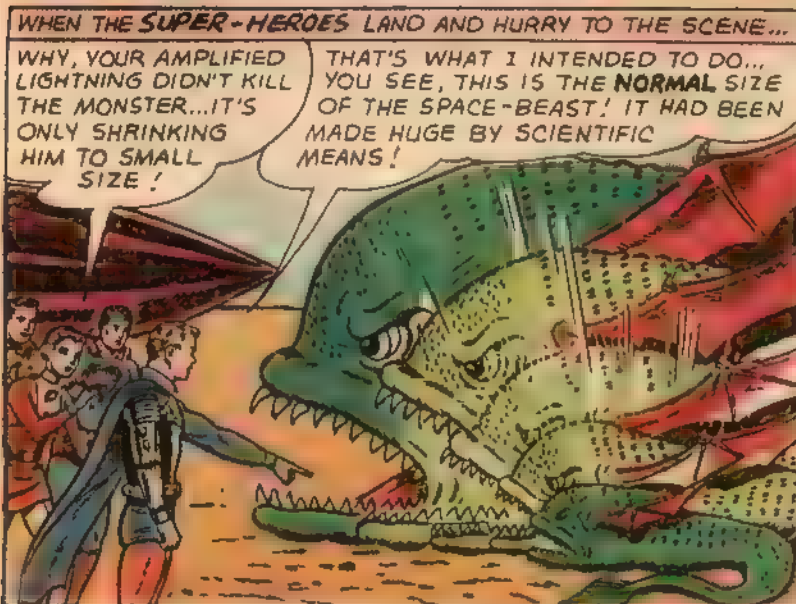
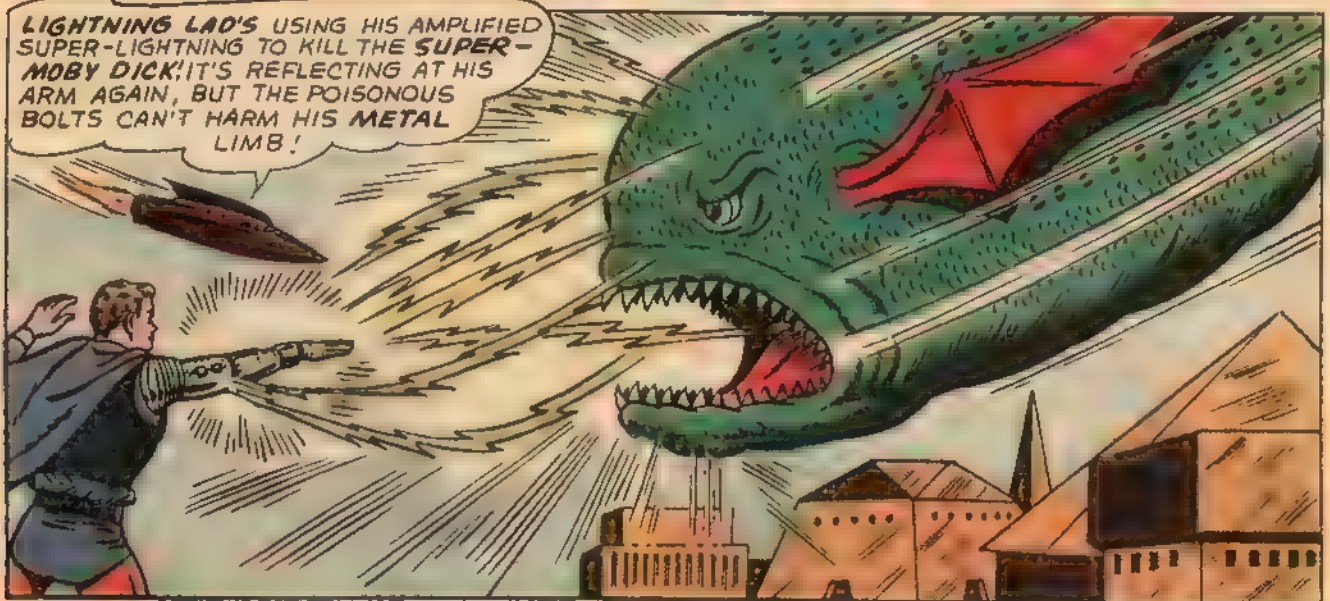
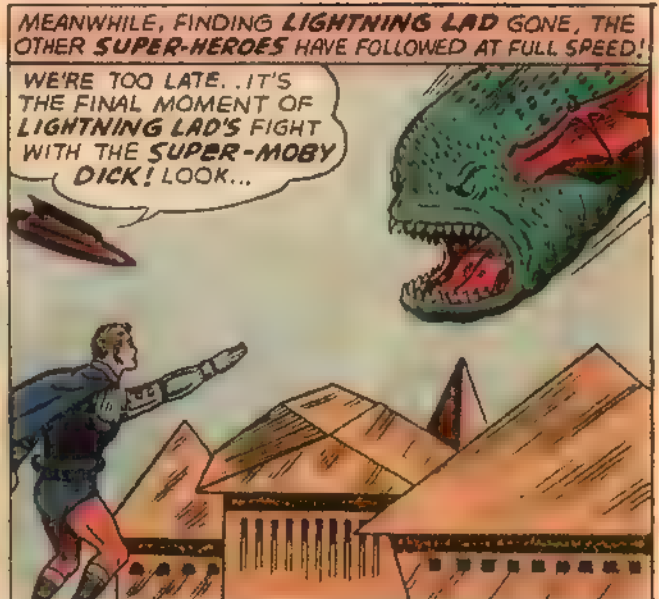
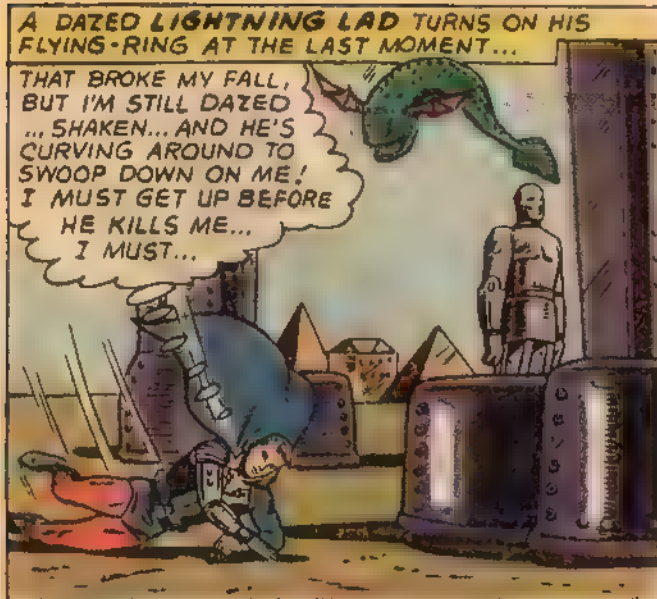
FROM WHERE HE HAS BEEN FEASTING ON METAL, THE CREATURE THAT HAS TERRIFIED THE UNIVERSE RISES FOR BATTLE!

I'LL BAIL OUT WITH MY FLYING-RING AND ATTACK THE MONSTER FROM ABOVE!



BUT THE **SUPER-MOBY DICK** IS TOO FAST FOR THE SPACE-BOAT!





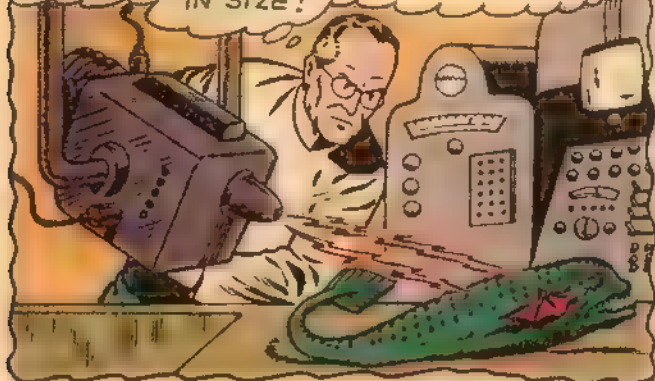


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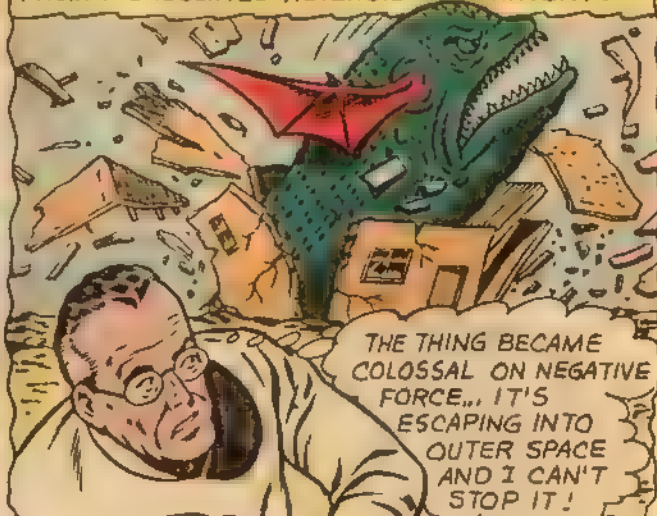


"HE TOLD ME HOW, IN STUDYING SMALL SPACE-BEASTS, HE HAD EXPERIMENTED WITH ONE OF THEM!"

THIS LITTLE CREATURE LIVES ON METAL AND ORES; BUT POSITIVE ELECTRICAL FORCE KEEPS IT FROM GROWING BIG! I'LL TRY NEGATIVE FORCE AND SEE IF IT INCREASES IN SIZE!



"THE EFFECT WAS DISASTROUSLY GREATER THAN HE FORESAW, AND THE HUGE BEAST ESCAPED FROM HIS ISOLATED ASTEROID LABORATORY!"



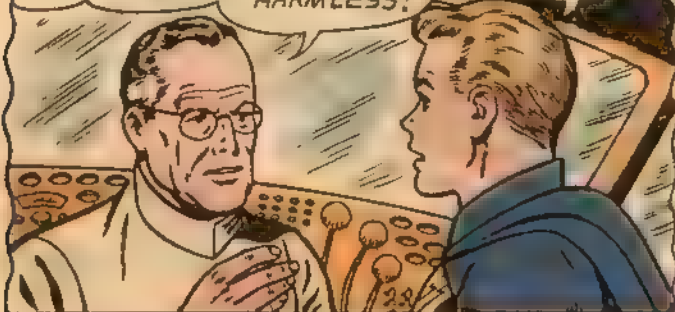
THE THING BECAME COLOSSAL ON NEGATIVE FORCE... IT'S ESCAPING INTO OUTER SPACE AND I CAN'T STOP IT!



"THAT WAS THE GUILTY SECRET HE CONFESSED TO ME, AND HE SWORE ME TO SECRECY..."

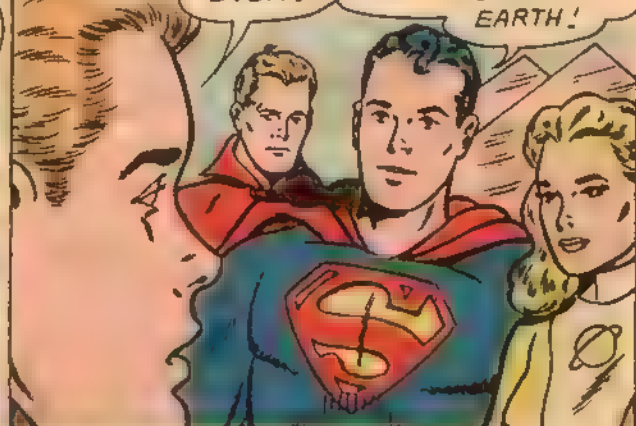
BECAUSE OF THE DAMAGE IT DID, I WAS AFRAID TO TELL OF ITS ORIGIN! I THINK A POWERFUL POSITIVE ELECTRIC FORCE COULD MAKE IT SMALL AGAIN... BUT PLEASE DON'T TELL MY SECRET UNTIL THE BEAST IS HARMLESS!

I PROMISE! I'LL DEVISE AN AMPLIFIER OF MY SUPER-LIGHTNING, TO USE AGAINST IT!



SO I COULDN'T TELL YOU MY PLAN, AND YOU THOUGHT I WAS STILL MOTIVATED BY WARPED HATRED OF THE SUPER-MOBY DICK!

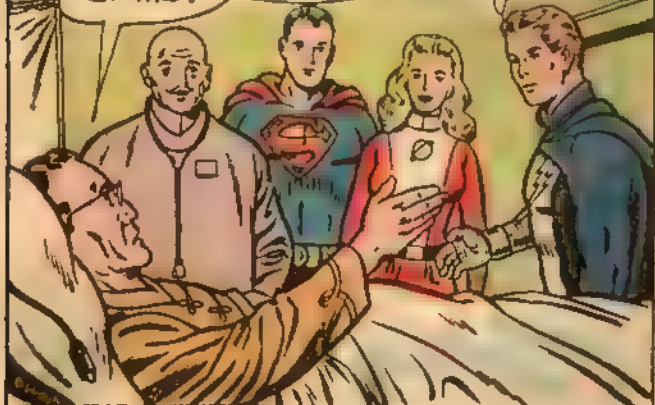
NOW THE BEAST IS SO SMALL, IT CAN NEVER ENDANGER ANYONE AGAIN... AND WE CAN GO BACK TO EARTH!



LATER, IN A GREAT ADVANCED HOSPITAL...

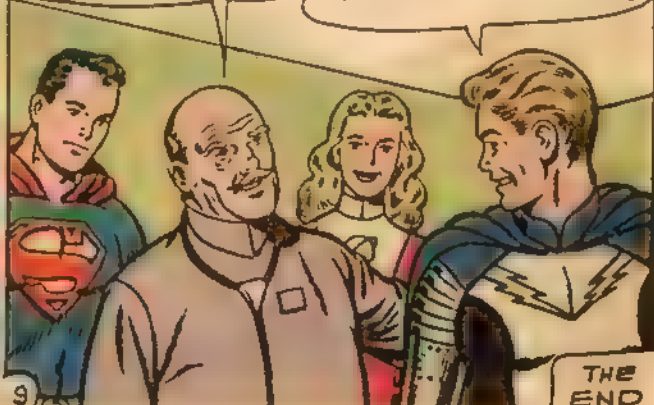
THANKS, LIGHTNING LAD, FOR CONQUERING THE DANGER I CREATED! I'LL ALWAYS GRIEVE, THOUGH, THAT YOU LOST YOUR ARM BECAUSE OF ME!

IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT... AND IT CAN'T BE HELPED NOW!



MAYBE IT CAN BE HELPED, IN TIME, LIGHTNING LAD! WE'RE PLANNING AN ARM AND LEG BANK, USING NEWLY INVENTED MEDICAL TECHNIQUES!

THEN... MAYBE SOME DAY I'LL HAVE A LIVING RIGHT ARM AGAIN? WONDERFUL... I WON'T MIND MY ROBOT ARM IF I HAVE THAT HOPE!



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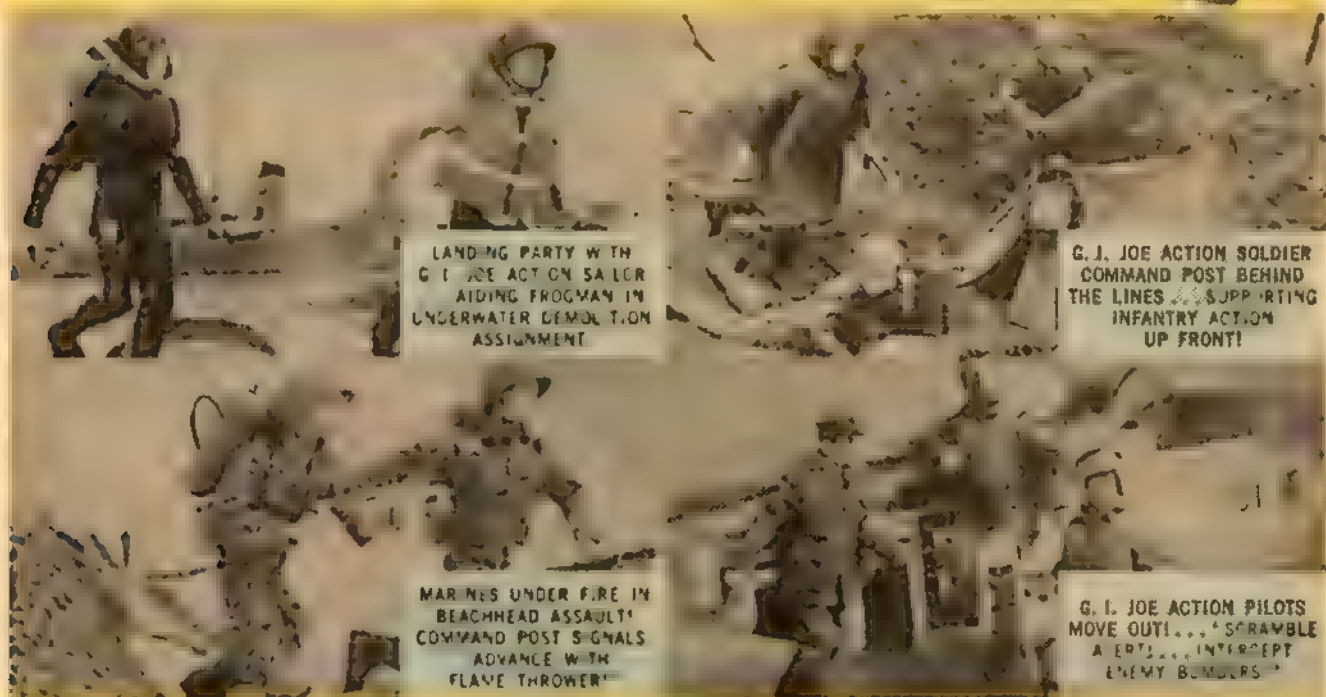
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THE LEGION OUTPOST

Dear Editor: I thoroughly enjoyed "The Bizarro Legion"—in fact, the whole February issue. There were several reasons: (1) I never tire of the zany Bizarro antics; (2) the ending was fine, requiring some quick-thinking Legionnaire teamwork; (3) the "Know Your Legionnaires" feature was great. However, in this text, you overlooked Lone Wolf, as well as Command Kid, who was dropped from membership. Otherwise, the whole issue was great. A final note: with the exception of "Superboy's Best Friend," "The 100 New Feats of Superboy" surpassed all your other HALL OF FAME CLASSICS combined! —Dale Matthews, Hanover, N.H.

(Lone Wolf was not included in the text because he has not yet officially joined the Legion. And Command Kid was one of several youths who have been members only briefly. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Have the Bizarros changed their addition table? In JIMMY OLSEN No. 80, a Bizarro says that $2+2$ equals $5\frac{1}{2}$; but in the February ADVENTURE, Bizarro-Brainiac 5 gets 3 as the answer. —Darrel Van Buer, Clinton, Iowa.

(The Bizarros consider Earth people stupid because, no matter how many times they work a problem the answer is always the same. The Bizarros could figure out $2+2$ a dozen times and get a dozen different answers—and the only answer they'd consider wrong would be 4! —Ed.)

Dear Editor: In "The 100 New Feats of Superboy," the Boy of Steel says, "And while I've often endured the sun's heat of 20 billion degrees, I've never visited this star, the hottest one in the universe—over 10 billion degrees." I'm sure this is a 100% goof! —Bob Rozakis, Elmont, N.Y.

(Oops! It looks like the Bizarros got some of their whacky mathematics into this story, too! Seriously, the sun's heat should have been given as 20 million degrees. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: Since Bouncing Boy is no longer in the

Legion, why do you have his picture in the "Legion Outpost" logo? Are you going to bring him back? —Robert Innes, Albany, Calif.

(We have definite plans for Bouncing Boy, so don't be surprised if one of these days he comes bounding back into action. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoyed "The Bizarro Legion." However, one thing bugs me. I can't believe you could fit 20 Legionnaires, plus trophy rooms, library, etc., into that one small clubhouse. —Richard Banda, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.

(We couldn't—if the clubhouse consisted of just what can be seen from outside. But beneath the land on which it is built are vast underground chambers. Thus the clubhouse is like an iceberg—only a small portion is visible on the surface. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: You have presented four Legions so far: The Legion of Super-Heroes, The Legion of Substitute Heroes, The Legion of Super-Pets, and The Super-Heroes of Lallor (formerly The Legion of Super-Outlaws.) Now how about another Legion, using suggestions from the "Bits of Legionnaire Business?" —David Cardin, Albany, N.Y.

(We'll be using more of these suggestions in future stories—but how we'll use them is something we'll save for a surprise. By the way, you forgot two Legions—The Legion of Super-Villains and The Legion of Stupor-Bizarros. —Ed.)

Dear Editor. I enjoyed the feature, "Know Your Legionnaires." Lately you've been presenting these little "extras" in your magazines, explaining or highlighting parts of the Superman legend. This is a brilliant idea and I hope you continue it. —Cary Bates, Dayton, Ohio.

(Rest assured that we'll be bringing you these "extras" whenever we have space available. You'll find some in the SUPERBOY 80 PAGE GIANT, now on sale, as well as in the next SUPERMAN GIANT. —Ed.)

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IS A CINCH, WITH
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TO TRANSPORT
US TO THE
SCENE OF THE
CRIME!

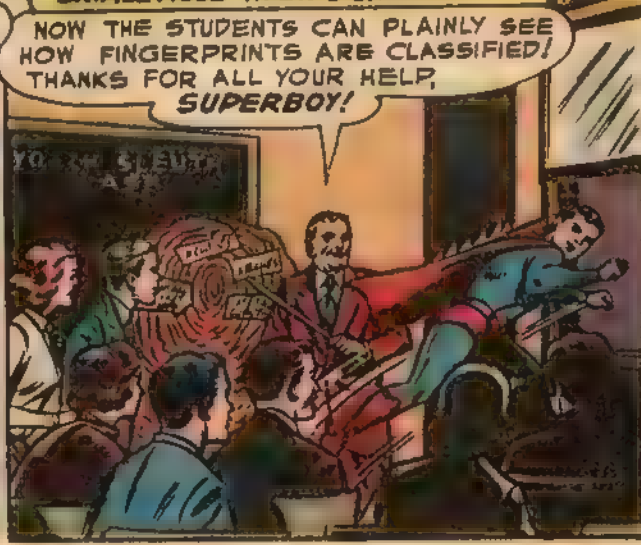
THE
JUNIOR SLEUTHS
OF SMALLVILLE!

ONE EVENING, AS **SUPERBOY** COMPLETES A
STRANGE JOB ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SMALLVILLE...

AND LATER, AT A SPECIAL EVENING CLASS IN
SMALLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL...

THIS LARGE CLAY MODEL
OF A TYPICAL FINGER-
PRINT IS READY!

NOW THE STUDENTS CAN PLAINLY SEE
HOW FINGERPRINTS ARE CLASSIFIED!
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP,
SUPERBOY!

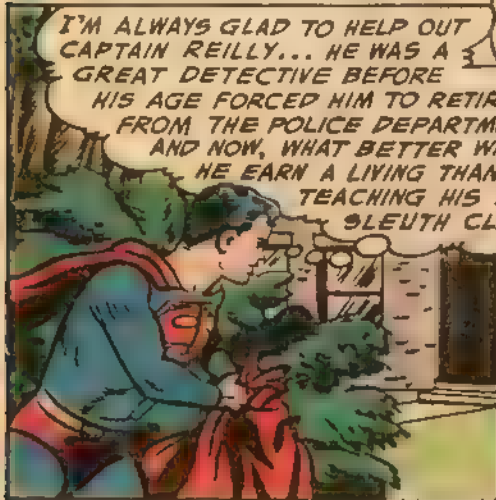




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ONCE ALONE, THE **BOY OF STEEL** RESUMES HIS EVERYDAY IDENTITY OF MILD-MANNERED CLARK KENT...



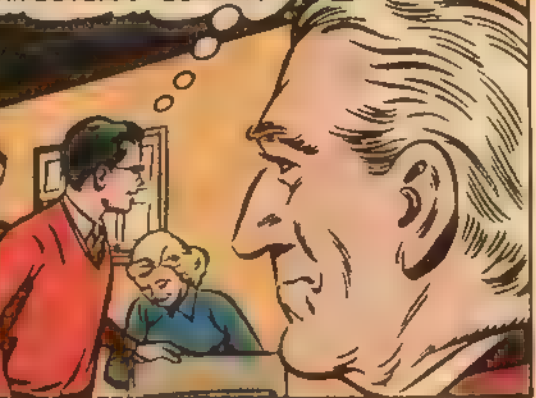
I'M ALWAYS GLAD TO HELP OUT CAPTAIN REILLY... HE WAS A GREAT DETECTIVE BEFORE HIS AGE FORCED HIM TO RETIRE FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT! AND NOW, WHAT BETTER WAY CAN HE EARN A LIVING THAN BY TEACHING HIS YOUTH SLEUTH CLASS!

BACK IN THE CLASSROOM, AWHILE LATER...

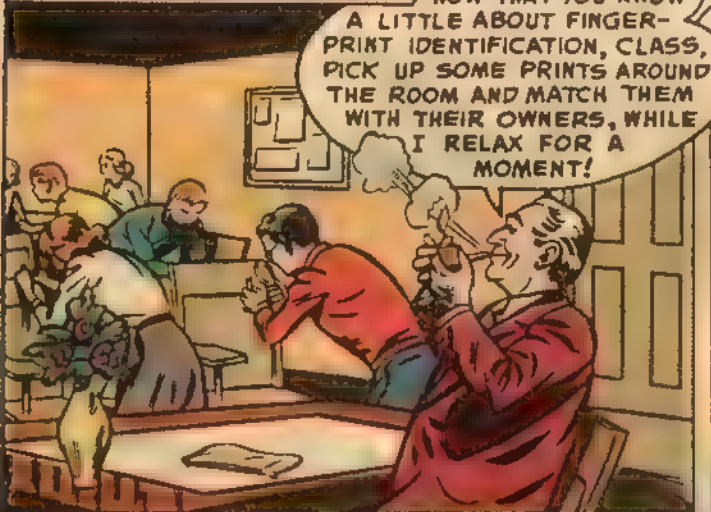
LEARNING DETECTIVE TECHNIQUES IS EXCITING FUN, ISN'T IT, CLARK?



YES--EVEN FOR GIRLS LIKE LANA LANG! BESIDES, THEY ALL KNOW HOW MUCH REILLY NEEDS THE MONEY AFTER HIS LAST STAY IN THE HOSPITAL, FOLLOWING A GUN BATTLE IN WHICH HE WAS HIT BY A GANGSTER'S BULLET!

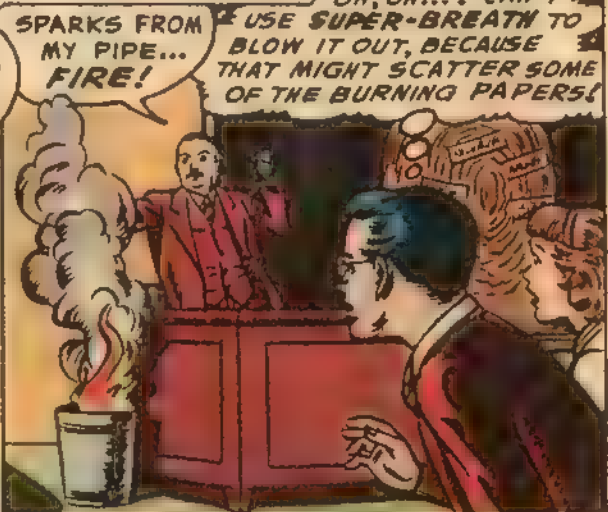


LATER, AS CAPTAIN REILLY COMPLETES THE FIRST PART OF HIS INSTRUCTION...



NOW THAT YOU KNOW A LITTLE ABOUT FINGER-PRINT IDENTIFICATION, CLASS, PICK UP SOME PRINTS AROUND THE ROOM AND MATCH THEM WITH THEIR OWNERS, WHILE I RELAX FOR A MOMENT!

BUT AT A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND FROM THE OPEN WINDOW...



SPARKS FROM MY PIPE... FIRE!

OH, OH... I CAN'T USE SUPER-BREATH TO BLOW IT OUT, BECAUSE THAT MIGHT SCATTER SOME OF THE BURNING PAPERS!

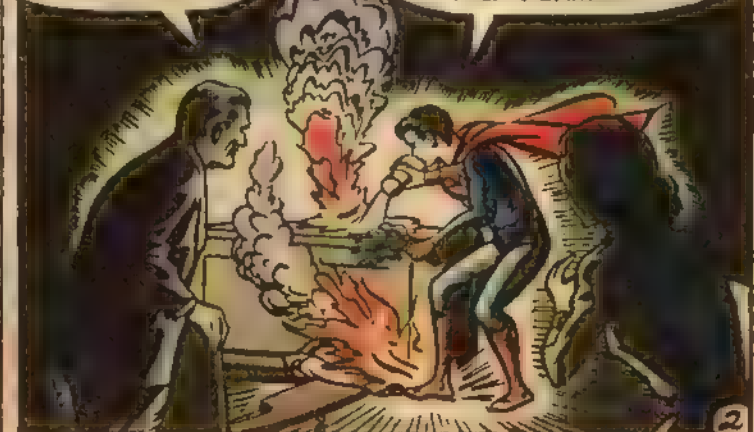
INSTEAD, I'LL BLOW OUT THE LIGHT SO I CAN CHANGE QUICKLY AND STAMP ON THOSE BURNING PAPERS!



DARKNESS HIDES A SWIFT CHANGE TO SUPERBOY-- AND IN THE NEXT INSTANT...

THANK GOODNESS YOU SHOWED UP, SUPERBOY!

THE WATER FROM THIS VASE SHOULD ALSO HELP TO DOUSE THOSE SPREADING FLAMES!



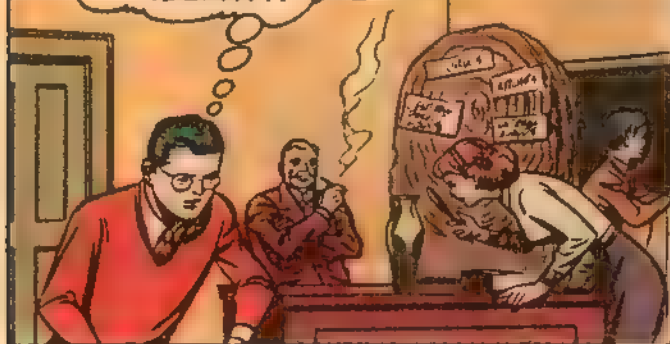


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BY THE TIME A NEW LIGHT BULB IS INSTALLED, PUPIL CLARK KENT IS BACK AT HIS DESK-- BUT WITH A NEW WORRY!

GOLLY--I FORGOT ALL ABOUT MY SUPERBOY FINGERPRINTS ON THE VASE! IF LANA MATCHES THEM WITH CLARK'S LATER, IT'LL BE THE END OF MY SECRET IDENTITY!



LUCKILY, I CAN CRANK THIS HAND SIREN AT SUPER-SPEED, CREATING A SUPERSONIC VIBRATION THAT NOBODY CAN HEAR, BUT WHICH CAN SHATTER THE VASE!

MY GOODNESS! THE FIRE'S HEAT MUST'VE WEAKENED THAT VASE!



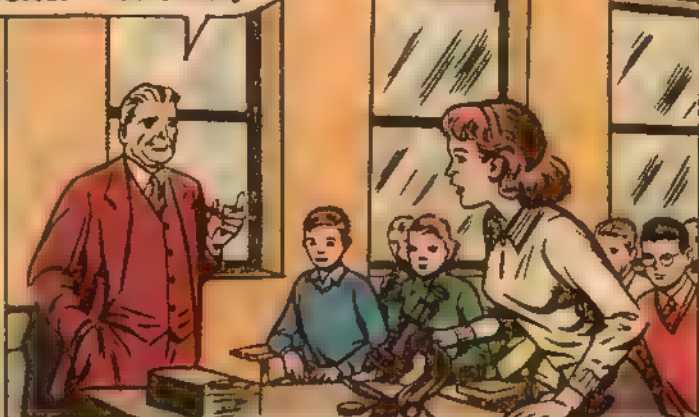
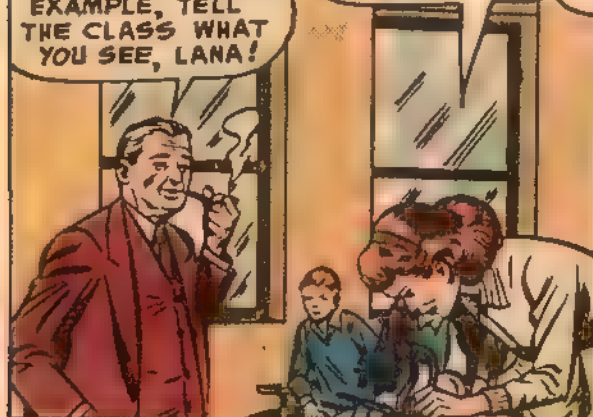
THEN, AS THE CRIMINOLOGY STUDIES CONTINUE...

TINY TELLTALE CLUES OFTEN PIN DOWN CRIMINALS! FOR EXAMPLE, TELL THE CLASS WHAT YOU SEE, LANA!

WHY-- NOTHING BUT A STRAND OF HAIR, CAPTAIN REILLY!

LOOK AGAIN, LANA, AND YOU'LL SEE THAT IT'S A TWISTED, HUMAN HAIR, INDICATING IT COMES FROM SOMEONE WHO'S CURLY-HEADED!

OF COURSE... WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT?



LATER, THERE COMES A STARTLING INTERRUPTION...

LANA'S FATHER, PROFESSOR LANG, MAKES AN AMAZING OFFER...

NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT THE GROUNDWORK, I'LL GIVE YOU A THEORETICAL CRIME CASE TO... EH?

HOW ABOUT A REAL CRIME CASE FOR YOUR PUPILS, CAPTAIN REILLY? LANA TOLD ME OF THIS CLASS, AND PERHAPS YOU CAN HELP ME!

THIS GOLDEN MASK OF THE ANCIENT INCAS, WHICH I RECENTLY BROUGHT BACK FROM PERU, WAS STOLEN FROM THE MUSEUM LAST NIGHT-- AND THEY'RE OFFERING \$1,000 FOR THE CAPTURE OF THE THIEF! PERHAPS YOU YOUNGSTERS CAN EARN THE AWARD!





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YOU SEE, CAPTAIN REILLY, IT'S BECAUSE YOU ONCE SAVED THE MUSEUM FROM A ROBBERY, WITHOUT ACCEPTING ANY REWARD, THAT THEY'VE AGREED TO GIVE YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS FIRST CRACK AT THE \$1,000!

OH, BOY! A REAL CRIME CASE FOR US TO TACKLE! LET'S GO!

SOON, AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME...

NOTE THAT I STILL HAVE IN MY POSSESSION THE ONLY KEY TO THIS EMPTY LOCKED CASE! HOW COULD THE MASK BE REMOVED WITHOUT BREAKING THE GLASS OR LOCK? IT SEEMS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE!



EAGERLY, THE YOUTHFUL SHERLOCKS SEEK CLUES...

AND WELL MIGHT CLARK KENT BE STARTLED...

ONE OF LANA'S COAT BUTTONS DOESN'T MATCH THE OTHERS--

BUT CLARK GETS STILL ANOTHER SHOCK WHEN...

LOOK! A BIG BUTTON THAT MUST HAVE RIPPED OFF THE CULPRIT'S COAT!

WHAT--? I--I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

BUT THE ONE FOUND ON THE FLOOR IS A PERFECT MATCH! OH, WELL... NOTHING MORE THAN COINCIDENCE, I'M SURE!

AHA! A HUMAN HAIR OF RED COLOR!

RED? THAT'S THE COLOR OF LANA'S HAIR, TOO! BUT--BUT SHE CAN'T BE THE THIEF! WHY SHOULD SHE, OF ALL PEOPLE, STEAL THE GOLDEN MASK FROM HER OWN FATHER? IT'S RIDICULOUS!



I'LL TAKE PHOTOS OF THESE FINGERPRINTS I FOUND, AND CHECK THEM WITH THE POLICE FILES TOMORROW!

I'M SURE THAT FINGERPRINT CHECK-UP WILL PROVE MY SUSPICIONS OF LANA COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED!

BUT IN CLASS, THE FOLLOWING EVENING...

WE HAVE THREE CLUES...THE MISSING COAT BUTTON, A SINGLE RED HAIR, AND FINGERPRINTS!

BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE CULPRIT'S PRINTS DID NOT MATCH WITH ANY KNOWN CRIMINAL IN THE POLICE FILES!





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SINCE THE FINGERPRINTS DIDN'T CLEAR HER, LANA COULD STILL BE GUILTY! I MUST GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS! HMM... I'LL CONCENTRATE THE HEAT OF MY SUPER-VISION!

PERFECT... IT "CLIPPED" OFF THAT STRAY HAIR OF LANA'S SO NEATLY, SHE DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE!

NOW, BY INHALING WITH MY SUPER-BREATH, I CREATE A BACKWIND THAT BRINGS THE HAIR RIGHT TO MY HAND! WITH MICROSCOPIC VISION, I'LL BE ABLE TO COMPARE IT WITH THE ONE FOUND AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!

JEEPERS, THEY MATCH! BUT IT STILL DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR HER TO ROB HER OWN FATHER AT THE MUSEUM! I WON'T BELIEVE SHE'S GUILTY UNLESS HER FINGERPRINTS MATCH THE ROBBER'S, TOO!

BUT AFTER CLASS... WHY ALL THOSE SUSPICIOUS STARES IN CLASS, CLARK? DO YOU THINK I'M THE THIEF?

OH, OH... IF SHE IS GUILTY, SHE'LL BE ON HER GUARD NOW! MUST GET THOSE FINGERPRINTS WITHOUT HER REALIZING IT!

ER-- EXCUSE ME, LANA... MOM'S EXPECTING ME RIGHT HOME!!

ONCE ALONE, THE MILD-MANNERED YOUTH UNDERGOES A HASTY CHANGE OF GARB...

A MOMENT LATER...

I TOOK ALONG A COPY OF THE FINGERPRINT PHOTOS FROM CLASS! I'LL GET THOSE OF LANA NOW AS SHE WALKS HOME! I--I HATE TO DO THIS, PROVING MY BEST FRIEND GUILTY-- BUT WHAT CHOICE HAVE I?

THAT SMOOTH, SHINY LAMP-POST IN HER PATH PROVIDES AN IDEAL SURFACE TO TAKE HER IMPRINTS! I'LL HAVE TO SCARE HER MOMENTARILY INTO GRABBING IT!

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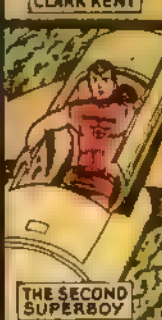
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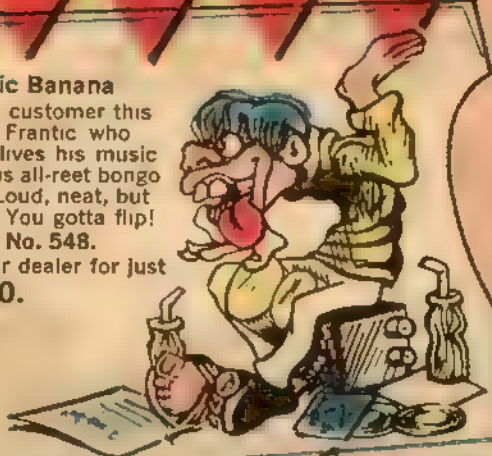
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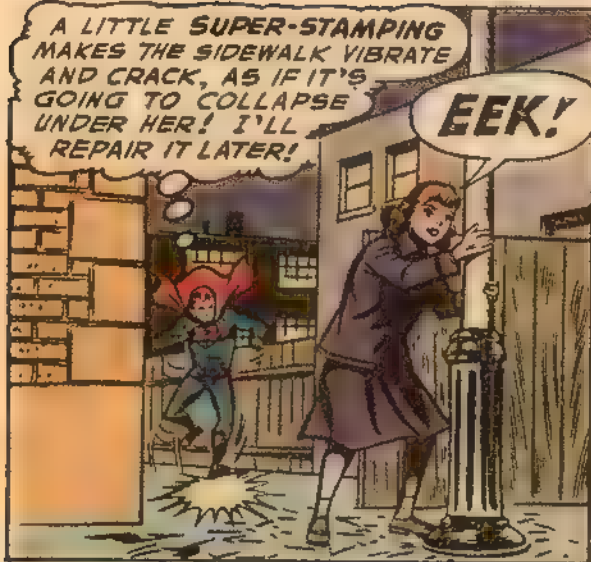
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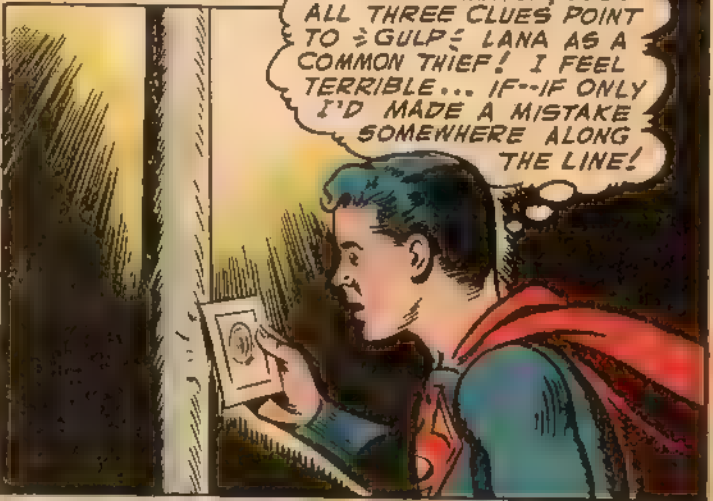
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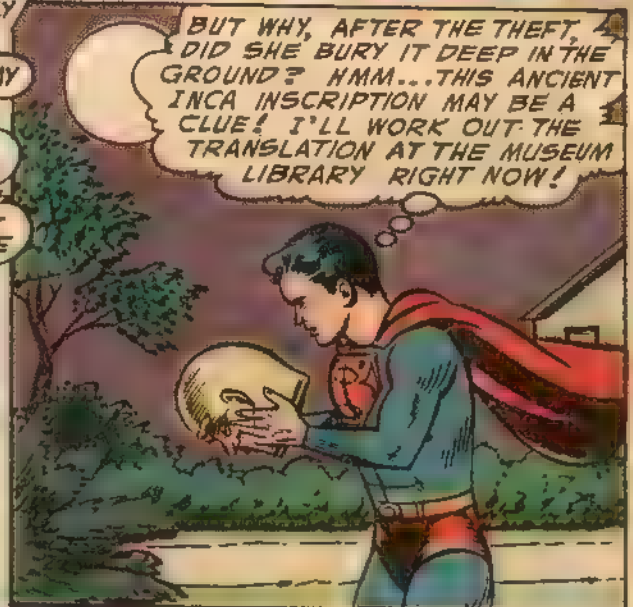
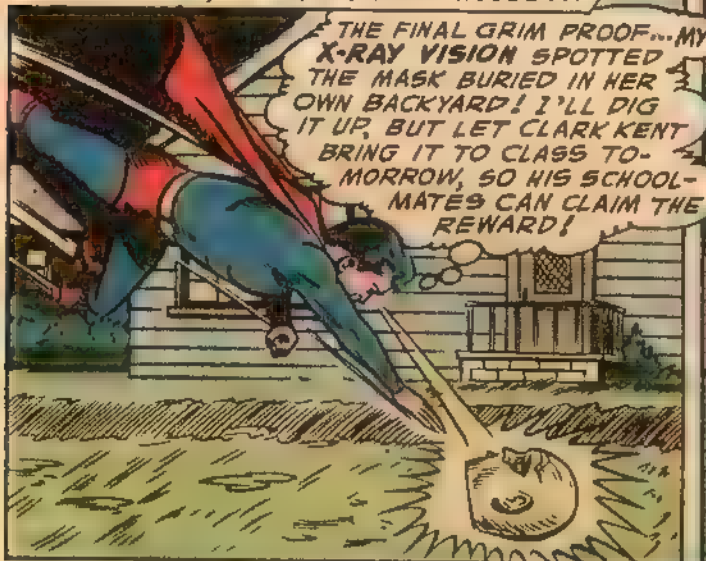
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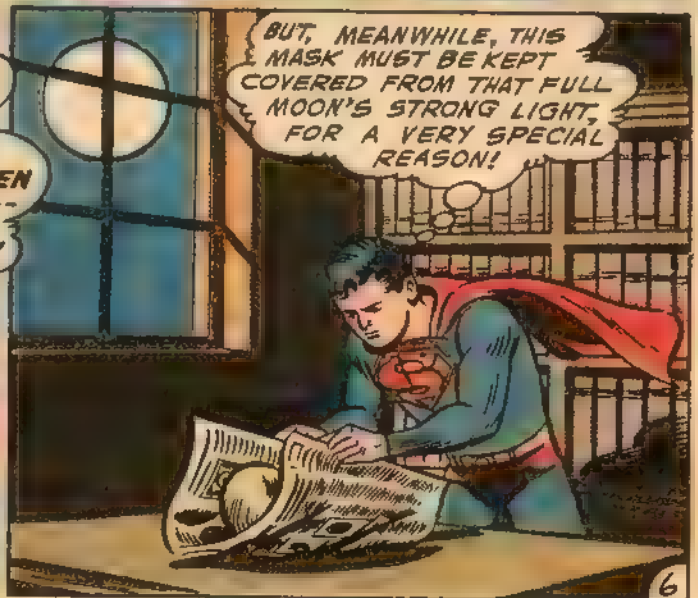
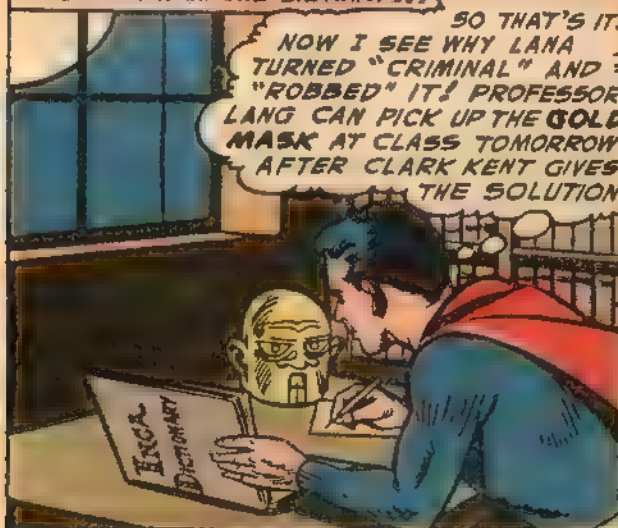
AFTER LANA RECOVERS AND GOES ON...



HARDLY A MISTAKE, SUPERBOY-- FOR SHORTLY AFTERWARD, OUTSIDE LANA'S HOUSE...



AND AFTER A HASTY SCANNING OF A RARE DICTIONARY IN THE LIBRARY...





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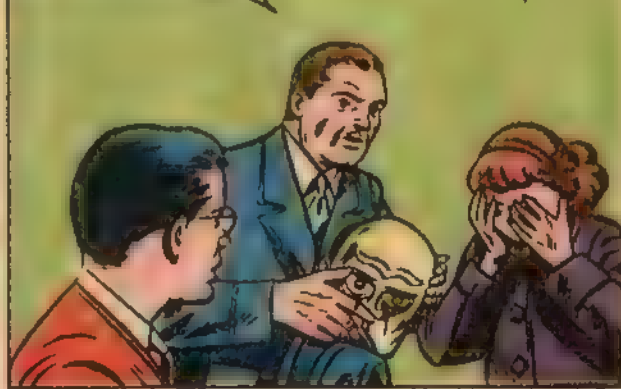
AND SO, WHEN THE NEXT CLASS CONVENES...

WITH **SUPERBOY'S** HELP, I FOUND THE GOLDEN MASK... AND THE THIEF WAS -- **LANA LANG!**

MY DAUGHTER? CLARK, IS THIS SOME SILLY JOKE?

I'M AFRAID NOT, PROFESSOR! THINK A MOMENT... WHO ELSE COULD SECRETLY OBTAIN YOUR MUSEUM KEY WHILE YOU SLEPT, EXCEPT SOMEONE IN YOUR OWN HOME? RIGHT, LANA?

Y-YES -- **SOB!** I CONFESS!

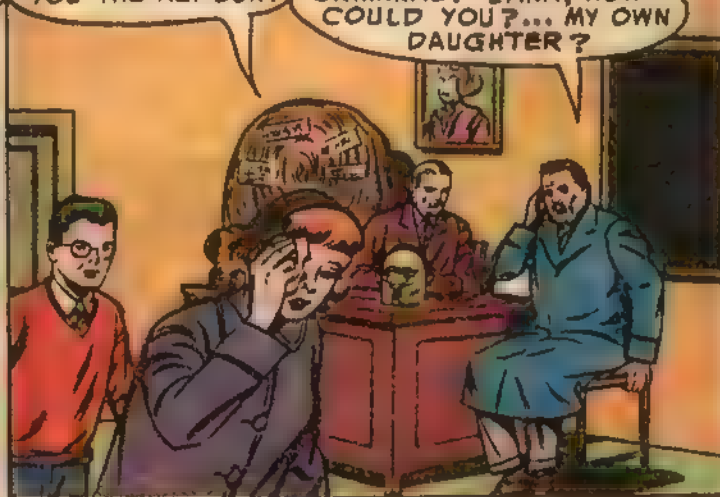


BUT-- GOOD GRIEF... WHY DID YOU DO IT, LANA?

WELL, I--I... OH, HOW CAN I EXPLAIN? IT WOULD ONLY **SOB!** SOUND LIKE A WILD EXCUSE!

I--I'M SORRY -- **CHOKES** BUT I JUST CAN'T TELL YOU THE REASON!

THEN I--I MUST ASSUME YOU PLANNED TO **SELL** THE MASK, LIKE A COMMON CRIMINAL! LANA, HOW COULD YOU?... MY OWN DAUGHTER?



OH, CLARK! **SOB-SOB!** WHY DID YOU EXPOSE ME? NOW I'LL BE ARRESTED--MAYBE SENT TO JAIL...

DON'T BE SILLY, LANA! **SUPERBOY** ALSO TOLD ME THE TRUE REASON YOU DID IT, PROVING YOU'RE NOT A THIEF AT ALL! IF YOU'RE ASHAMED TO TELL IT, I WILL!

FIRST, READ THAT INCA INSCRIPTION ALOUD, PROFESSOR!

"BEWARE THE CURSE! UNDER A FULL MOON, THE GOLDEN MASK STRIKES THE WEARER WITH LUNACY!" BUT THE RAYS OF LUNA, THE MOON, CAUSING MADNESS IS A RIDICULOUS OLD LEGEND, OF COURSE!





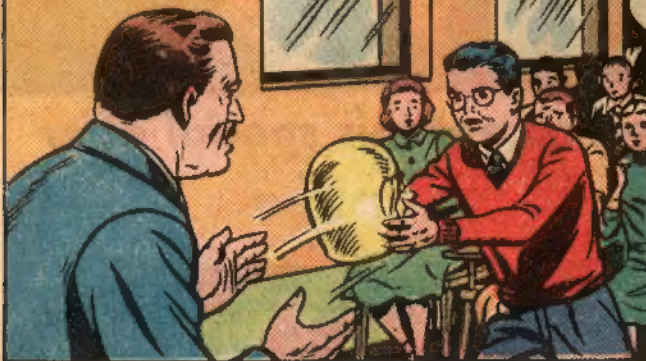
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IN FACT, I WAS PLANNING TO WEAR IT MYSELF UNDER THE FULL MOON, TO PROVE IT A SILLY SUPERSTITION! I'LL DO IT NOW... EH?

NO-- DON'T! THE CURSE IS TRUE!

ONLY ONE PERSON CAN WEAR THIS MASK WITHOUT TURNING MAD-- **SUPERBOY!** I'VE ARRANGED FOR HIM TO DEMONSTRATE IN THE MOONLIGHT HOW THE "CURSE" WORKS IN A NON-SUPER-NATURAL WAY! YOU CAN WATCH HIM THROUGH THE WINDOW!



AFTER A SWIFT, UNSEEN CHANGE OUTSIDE... **THEN, UPON RETURNING AS CLARK KENT...**

YOU SEE, THE INCAS MADE SURE THE "CURSE" WOULD STRIKE ANY THIEF! THE FULL MOON'S POWERFUL POLARIZED RAYS CAUSE CHEMICAL CRYSTALS, EMBEDDED IN THE METAL, TO GIVE OFF POISONOUS FUMES THAT CAN TURN YOU MAD!

SO YOU SEE, LANA'S ONLY MOTIVE WAS TO PROTECT YOU, PROFESSOR!

OH, DADDY, I WAS SO WORRIED THAT THE "CURSE" MIGHT STRIKE YOU! BUT YOU KEPT LAUGHING AT MY FEARS-- SO IN DESPERATION, I TOOK THE MASK, PLANNING TO KEEP IT BURIED TILL THE FULL MOON WAS OVER!



THUS, NEXT EVENING, WHEN CLASS RECONVENES...

BUT THIS REWARD MONEY SHOULD GO TO **SUPERBOY**, NOT ME!

CONFESS, CAPTAIN REILLY! THE BUTTON, RED HAIR, AND SMALL SIZED GIRL'S FINGERPRINTS TOLD AN OLD SHERLOCK LIKE YOU INSTANTLY THAT LANA WAS GUILTY!

WE CAN ADD TWO-AND-TWO, PROVING YOU PROTECTED MY SECRET, SCORNING THE REWARD FOR MY SAKE! GUILTY, CAPTAIN REILLY?

ER... I SEE I TAUGHT YOU YOUNG SLEUTHS... UH... **TOO WELL!** I CONFESS!



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